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## AIDS, and World AIDS Day, in the Former Yugoslavia

by Stephanie Vukovic  
Special to the B.A.R.

BELGRADE—Malishasat up in bed and stared at the dirty walls of his hospital room on the AIDS ward in Belgrade. He lazily blinked his big green eyes. A few flies buzzed about the room.

"I'm going home today," Malisha, 36, said as smoke

from his roommate's cigarette floated by his face. "I've been here a month and my infection hasn't gone away. Why stay here? The conditions are unbearable. At least at home I have my own clean bathroom."

Conditions on the AIDS ward at Belgrade's Infectious and Tropical Disease Clinic — the former Yugoslavia's only

AIDS treatment center — have been slowly deteriorating over the past three years, the result of war strains on the Yugoslav economy and sanctions imposed on its republics of Serbia and Montenegro in May of 1992.

The clinic suffers cracked walls, broken toilets, sporadic heat and hot water, and depleted supplies of disinfection

solutions and products, such as toilet paper.

Because the hospital lacks medicine, patients desiring treatment are forced to buy their own — if they can find and afford them. If Malish were to buy the medicine he needs, he said it would cost about \$670 dollars a bottle. He needs six bottles. He said he doubted he could gather

that much money, even if he sold his house.

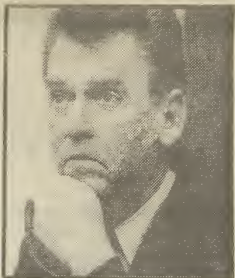
"I bought my own medicine for 500 German marks," (about \$300) said Vesna, 29, another patient on the ward. "Only the people with money to buy medicine have a chance here. My parents can still afford to buy it. But that will have its end one day,

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## KS is Back — With a Difference

by I.A. Kisselman

Lately doctors have noticed that Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS), the skin cancer commonly associated with AIDS, is making a comeback — but with a difference. Now it is also appearing in gay men and others who are HIV-negative, San Francisco's KPIX 5 Eyewitness News reported in an exclusive story this week.



Dr. Marcus Conant

Channel 5 openly gay reporter and anchorperson Hank Plante has uncovered six such cases in San Francisco so far, plus a dozen more in New York and at least 28 cases nationally, most of them fitting the same profile as the first people in whom AIDS was diagnosed in America: young gay men in urban settings. Some doctors believe that these men contracted KS through sexual contact; at least one specifically believes the disease may be spread during unprotected anal sex.

San Francisco AIDS specialist Dr. Marcus Conant, who treats three of the HIV-negative KS cases, believes that the cancer is caused by an agent separate from HIV. Conant says the agent probably spread through the gay community even before

AIDS, and has simply been dormant since then. "KS was present in the gay community before the AIDS epidemic began," Conant told Plante. "It was back there in the 1970s and large numbers of gay men, perhaps all gay men were exposed to this agent."

### Agreement from Fauci

The theory was seconded by Dr. Anthony Fauci, AIDS chief at the National Institutes of Health. Fauci told Eyewitness News, "I would not be totally surprised if we found out that KS is caused by a combination of things. Maybe by an agent that at this point is unrecognized."

AIDS researchers interviewed by KPIX believe that only a small number of people who carry the "KS agent" may develop the KS lesions, but Conant advises those who practice high-risk behavior and who notice any unusual purple spots on their skin not to ignore them.

"Don't think it couldn't be KS because you're HIV-negative," Conant said. "You should show that to your physician the next time you're in, and consider having a biopsy done."

Conant says that KS is treatable and the cases they're seeing in HIV-negative people don't appear to be fatal. But because the disease is progressive over time, more lesions may follow.

Although KS may be a signal of the onset of AIDS, this new evidence points to a separate origin for KS. Before AIDS, it was most common among Mediterranean men, but these cases — in the so-called "high risk groups" most associated with AIDS — are a mystery.

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Lighting up the night: hundreds marched up Market Street last Saturday despite inclement weather to honor the memories of Harvey Milk and George Moscone, slain in 1978 by an assassin's bullets.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

## Harvey Milk Mourned, Recalled, and Serenaded

by Rene M. Astudillo

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 27, hundreds of San Franciscans marched from the Castro to City Hall to commemorate the assassination fifteen years ago of the city's first openly gay supervisor Harvey Milk.

Milk, whom author Randy Shilts named "The Mayor of Castro Street" in a book with

the same title, was fatally shot along with then-mayor George Moscone. Like the infamous Stonewall incident in New York, Milk's assassination became a major political rallying point for gay rights and more public visibility for San Francisco's homosexual community.

Prior to the candlelight march, a brief ceremony was held at 7 p.m., highlighted by

the dedication of a bronze plaque honoring Milk at the site of his former camera shop, where The Skin Zone is now located between 18th and 19th streets.

Also present at the dedication ceremony were speakers Tom Ammiano, Harry Britt, Dennis Peron, Wayne Friday, Scott Smith, and other close friends of Milk.

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## Texans Choose Hate Over Jobs

United Press International

GEORGETOWN, TEXAS — On Tuesday, November 30, a Texas county denied a tax break sought by Apple Computer for a new facility, because the company's employee benefits plan covers same-sex partners.

The decision is likely to cause Williamson County to lose the proposed \$80 million, nine-building complex in Round Rock, just north of Austin, along with the 700 jobs it would have created.

Lisa Byrne, group public relations manager for Apple

USA, said that Apple officials were disappointed at the decision and will be evaluating all their options. "It is unlikely we will relocate in Williamson County," she added.

Apple currently employs 700 people at a temporary, leased facility in Austin. Byrne said she did not know if Apple will now consider building the permanent facility in Austin, which is known for its liberal politics.

The Austin City Council recently adopted an employee benefits policy for city workers that is similar to Apple's policy, which provides insur-

ance coverage and other benefits to its employees' domestic partners.

Williamson County commissioners voted 3-2 against Apple's request for a tax abatement on the project. Three of the commissioners said they believed Apple's benefits policy goes against the conservative community's moral values.

Commissioner William Boatright said previously that Apple's policy would "attract people who are in those kinds of relationships, and I don't want to encourage that kind of activity." ▼

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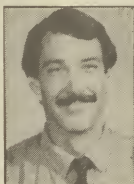
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## Community News

# Continuum Successfully Settles Lawsuit with Medi-Cal

by Dennis Conkin

An \$87,000 settlement to a lawsuit, filed by Continuum HIV Day Services against the California State Department of Health Services, was finalized out of court on Wednesday, November 17.

The suit, filed last August, charged that the state Health Department discriminated against Continuum's clients because Medi-Cal consistently denied reimbursement for services for people with AIDS at the self-described Adult Day Health Center.

Repeated efforts to resolve the situation had proved fruitless, according to Continuum spokesperson Michael Veit.

Veit told the *Bay Area Reporter* that shortly after the suit was filed, the state's Health Department requested that the case be settled out of court and agreed to reimburse Continuum for the disputed services.

"More importantly, in what represents a victory for people with AIDS who seek adult day health care, the state agreed to formally recognize the special needs of people with AIDS within the adult day health care system," Veit said.

According to Veit, the state has agreed to change current guidelines for Medi-Cal reimbursement of adult day health services: at present, the guidelines are oriented



Entertainer and AIDS activist Nell Carter attended a recent Continuum HIV Day Services fundraiser. (Photo: Judy Houston)

ed only toward services for the elderly. As part of the settlement, new guidelines will also address the adult day health center needs of non-elderly people with AIDS.

Continuum is the only such licensed center of its kind in California.

During the billing dispute with the state, Continuum received a one-time emergency grant of an estimated \$260,000 of Ryan White Care funds, through the city's Health Department.

"It's the only adult day health center [for people with AIDS and HIV] and what we want to do is continue existing services," AIDS Office Director Dr. Mitch Katz told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "We're essentially talking about 40 patients a day, most who have drug use and mental health problems and no other place to go, and everybody likes the program."

The agency will bid for next fiscal year's Ryan White funds in June, Veit said. ▼

# American Airlines Blasted By Jordan, Supported by SFAF

by Dennis Conkin

Mayor Frank Jordan last week signed two resolutions urging American Airlines to implement mandatory AIDS awareness and education classes for its employees.

The legislation was introduced by Supervisor Carole Migden at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on Monday, November 22, in response to the mistreatment of Timothy Holless, a passenger from San Francisco with AIDS who was abused by American Airlines flight attendants.

Migden's resolutions call on the San Francisco Airport Commission to urge American Airlines to train employees about HIV disease and AIDS, and also urges the city and county to lobby local congressional representatives to require the federal government to require airlines to train their employees in issues regarding HIV and AIDS.

"Given the high volume of travelers that fly American, it is troubling to learn of its employees' lack of knowledge about AIDS and HIV disease," stated Mayor Jordan.

"This legislation is meant to be constructive, to avoid any future problems for those suffering from a disease that is obviously misunderstood. It also encourages the airlines to take this opportunity to learn

the facts," Jordan said.

In the November 14 incident, Holless was asked to leave the plane because he had given himself a medication infusion through a plastic intravenous shunt in his abdomen and because he had Kaposi's lesions on his face that flight attendants claimed were open and oozing.

Holless was told, according to an eyewitness, that he would not be allowed to fly and was asked to leave the plane, but stayed in his seat and firmly stated that he wasn't leaving.

American Airlines called the Chicago police, who then dragged Holless off the plane, reportedly on his belly.

## Second incident in 1993

The incident is the second HIV controversy this year involving American Airlines.

The first occurred last April after the March on Washington, when an employee issued an internal memo asking for a complete change of blankets and pillows on a flight that had carried gay activists from the march.

American was forced to publicly apologize after the memo was leaked to the gay press.

The Holless incident has been a public relations disaster for the troubled airline, which has been a local sponsor of the 1993 AIDS walk



Supe Carole Migden introduced the AA resolutions.

and a provided a \$25,000 in kind donation to support the 1993 Dance-A-Thon, which raised funds for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and other groups.

In a letter to Migden, the day she introduced the resolutions, SFAF Board president Lance Yoshida wrote that "American has provided solid support" for a variety of AIDS organizations.

SFAF Executive Director Pat Christen said the letter to Migden was not an attempt to sway policy, but simply to clarify American's record with SFAF. She said the AIDS Foundation does not condone or absolve the airline for its treatment of Holless, but she praised its many Bay Area employees who are active in the annual AIDS walk and Dance-A-Thon. ▼





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## Community News



HUD Assistant Secretary Roberta Achtenberg kicked off Marin's first ever Town Hall Meeting for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Supporting Communities on November 20. (Photo: Anne Skeffington)

## Town Hall Meeting Mobilizes Marin County's Gay Community

by Jane Fletcher

Greeted by a thunderous standing ovation, former San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, the highest ranking lesbian in the Clinton administration, kicked off an historic event on Saturday, November 20 — Marin County's First Town Hall Meeting for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Supporting Communities. A crowd of more than 400 packed College of Marin's Olney Hall from 1-5 p.m. to hear Achtenberg speak and to target urgent political and social concerns that affect the gay community here.

"Thank you all for standing up for me," said an emotional Achtenberg, who fought back tears throughout her address. "It's been an up-and-down year. We've felt the euphoria of victory and the despair of defeat." Citing the recent loss of New York's pro-gay mayor David Dinkins and the repeal of gay rights ordinances in several states, Achtenberg encouraged the audience to fight back.

"If people are inclined to draw back and become cynical," she said, "then it's our job to beckon them forward." Achtenberg expressed her gratitude to U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, one of the few in Washington, DC, she said, who did not shrink away from Achtenberg's appointment to HUD or from the cause of gay rights. "She stood up for me — for us — to all the naysayers."

### Warriors and lovers

On a lighter note, Achtenberg drew appreciative laughter when she observed that the Town Hall was filled "with old warriors and old lovers."

"I see a few of mine out there," she quipped.

Upbeat and flawlessly organized, the Town Hall was the brainchild of a grassroots committee that formed last summer, when members of San Francisco's gay activist group The Alliance suggested to Marin attorney Faye D'Opal that it was time for the gay community here to mobilize politically. The committee moved quickly, enlisting the sponsorship of Senator Barbara Boxer, Representative Lynn Woolsey, Assemblywoman Vivien Bronshvag,

four Marin supervisors, and several local gay activist groups.

After the opening session, participants broke into smaller focus groups. Sheryl Goldberg of the Marin County Commission on the Status of Women led the panel called "City and county boards and commissions: How to use them, what they do, how to get appointed." Panelists Mark Gofstein (ANGLE), Larry Bittner (Marin Human Rights Commission), Roy Bateman (Marin Community Development), and Alex Diefenbach (community activist) described some of the 1,000 appointments available, including lesser known positions with sewer districts and neighborhood lighting boards, as well as the boards of nonprofits.

It's a good time for the gay community to get involved, said Bateman. "Only 33 percent of appointed officials are women, and the percentage of gays is really small." He recommended participants order the League of Women Voters' brochure, "Your County Marin," in which many service opportunities are described. (Telephone 459-0290)

"How can we access our community resources? What can we do to strengthen communication among organizations?" asked the Resources and Communication Panel. Co-chaired by David Lelewer of Marin AIDS Project (MAP) and Veneita Porter, executive director of Spectrum Center for Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Concerns, panelists included Zalman Rosenfeld from MAP, Kenny Altman from GLAAD, Milton Estes, M.D., from the ACLU, Ed Wright from *The Slant* newspaper and Becky Cone of Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

### "Tolerance land?"

There was "kneeling room only" in the Resources workshop, said Veneita Porter, who reported that participants voiced their desire to form an action committee to respond to the anti-gay agenda of the religious right. "The *[Independent Journal newspaper]* says we live in 'tolerance land,'" stated Porter when the assembly reconvened. "It's only because many of us have been so quiet. We need to be ready to

handle flak when it comes up. The Church of Love in Action and Exodus are in Marin," said Porter. "And they are anti-gay."

The Elections and Elected Officials panel focused on how to get gay people elected to public office and how to participate in political campaigns. Former Santa Cruz mayor John Laird co-chaired the panel with feminist lawyer Kay Tsenin, a founder of Marin Abused Women's Services and a former candidate for Supervisor in Marin. Summarizing their session, Town Hall organizer Steve Carroll stated that "to simply be gay is not enough to be elected. You have to reach out to other communities in addition to your gay base, as Harvey Milk reached out to the Asian community and to the elderly. You have to have a broad constituency and embrace other issues that are more commanding."

"Politics is unmercifully expensive," Carroll said. "Some day we'll have public financing of campaigns and it won't be that way. Until then, be willing to help raise the money."

"Lastly," he continued, "every campaign needs a hardcore group of volunteers to get out the vote. Elections are about numbers, and if you can get the numbers out — target people who don't always vote; drive people to the polls — you can win."

Melanie Burnett, who facilitated "Community Issues: A Speak-Out," citing the following concerns as those most frequently voiced by her workshop participants:

- The need for a gay/lesbian/bisexual community center;

- The desire for cohesiveness and networking among the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender communities and the agencies that serve them;

- The need for greater visibility in the gay community (to overcome social and political isolation);

- The need to reach out to schools and to the straight community to fight homophobia; and

- The need for gay businesses to be more visible.

Laird's eloquent closing address listed some of the gains

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*Frank M. Jordan*  
Frank M. Jordan  
Mayor

Conflicting letters from San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan and the Hamilton Square Baptist Church.

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## Hamilton Square Welcomes One and All

by Mike Salinas

The Bay Area Reporter has been notified by a group calling itself "The Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle" that Mayor Frank Jordan has begun to mediate between the lesbian and gay community and religious fundamentalists.

FBT included a letter from Jordan to a Mr. Alan Strong, reiterating his commitment that "no San Franciscan will be denied access to any place of worship." Since the Hamilton Square Baptist Church, which is listed as a press con-

tact on the press release, has sent letters to gay publications forbidding access to gay journalists, the B.A.R. sought clarification.

Dr. David Innes, the pastor of Hamilton Square, refused to take the call from the B.A.R., but parishioner Harry "Hap" Barko confirmed that the church supports Jordan's policy.

"No San Franciscan will be denied access to your place of worship?" he was asked.

"Yes, that stands on its own merit," he said. ▼

## Anti-Fundy March, Rally This Monday

There will be a march for reproductive choice, and against repression, with BACORR (Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights) and other pro-sex, pro-queer groups on Monday, December 6, the day anti-abortion killer Michael Griffin goes to trial.

Marchers will meet at 5:30 pm at the corner of Bush and Octavia streets, where speakers will call for medical access and religious freedom. From there, demonstrators will march from a clinic that needs our support to a church that supports anti-queer bigotry and anti-abortion terrorism.

Call BACORR at (415) 252-0750 for more information. ▼

## Fallen Tower Loses Discrimination Suit

by Dennis Conkin

The stars don't shine so brightly in Jeremiah Tower's bejeweled tiara of Northern California restaurants this week, after a San Francisco Superior Court jury last week awarded a former employee \$30,000 in wages and damages. The employee charged, and the jury believed, that Tower fired the terminally ill employee right before Christmas 1991 simply because he had AIDS.

The jury awarded the sum to Rolando Iglesias, the plaintiff in the anti-AIDS discrimination lawsuit, who is currently hospitalized in the advanced stages of AIDS.

The lawsuit was originally thrown out of court by Judge William Cahill, who said that Iglesias had failed to prove that Tower knew he was gay, but the suit was reinstated after Iglesias' attorney Steven Schectmann released four sworn statements from former employees indicating that Tower frequently speculated on employees' sexual orientation and whether their illnesses were AIDS related.

The suit claimed that Iglesias was fired on a pretext from Stars Restaurant, an internationally acclaimed eatery owned by Tower, and that shortly before he fired Iglesias, Tower had complained to his staff that he was "tired of paying health insurance costs" for "people's indiscretion in their bedrooms."

The case went to the jury on November 24 following two weeks of trial, after out of court settlement proposals were rejected as inadequate by Iglesias.

"Tower's testimony was impeached by his previous testimony. He was totally arrogant," said Jane Grieco, co-counsel in the case.

According to Grieco, the damages awarded were low because the jurors were unclear about what amount of punitive damages were justifiable in the case, but she said that all but two of the jurors were completely convinced that Towers had fired Iglesias because he was suffering from HIV disease after the waiter returned to work from a month's absence caused by a bout of pneumonia. ▼

## S.F. PWAs Go to Pot

...But Only for Medicinal Purposes, Of Course...

by Dennis Conkin

On Wednesday, November 24, Mayor Frank M. Jordan signed three resolutions advocating the compassionate use of marijuana for people with AIDS and other terminal illnesses.

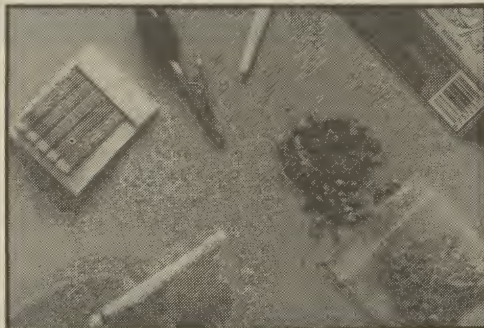
The three resolutions, sponsored by Supervisor Angela Alioto, called for the passage of state and federal laws to allow the use of the herb for medical reasons such as pain control, appetite stimulation, and relief of glaucoma.

The resolutions, passed by the Board of Supervisors on November 15, now become the official policy of the City and County of San Francisco, and enable the city's state and federal health lobbyists to advocate for the decriminalization of the medical use of the drug.

Both lesbian Supervisors Susan Leal and Carole Migden support the measures.

A third resolution also signed by Jordan called on the San Francisco Department of Health to address the medical use of marijuana to reduce substance abuse and HIV in the Health Department's annual master plan.

"In face of institutional indifference to suffering caused by AIDS or breast cancer, safe and legal alternatives must be available," said



Medicinal marijuana may soon become a reality for AIDS sufferers and others whose symptoms are ameliorated by hemp.

Robert Oakes, the Mayor's lesbian and gay liaison.

"Mayor Jordan understands how this affects the daily lives of people living with illness. That is why he signed these resolutions," Oakes said.

"It's one more step toward the legalization. Now we have the state representatives on our side and our congressional representative on our side, and it's only a question of when and how," said Dennis Peron, a longtime hemp activist.

Peron's proposal to amend the state Health and Safety Code, to allow for the cultivation and possession of ten

marijuana plants for personal medical use, will be introduced in January.

A proposal by Representative Nancy Pelosi, to change federal drug regulations that restrict physicians from prescribing the drug, will also be introduced on the floor of the Congress early next year, according to Peron.

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## Editorial

### Watching a Terrifying Eclipse

Two strange occurrences last weekend brought a number of San Franciscans out of their cozy homes and on to the rain-soaked streets: the first was the Milk/Moscone memorial march, and the other was the lunar eclipse. Both events made us think about times gone by, and about the phenomenon of urban adaptation.

We wondered, as we looked at the moon disappearing overhead Sunday night, what it must have been like in the past, before anyone was able to know in advance that things like eclipses would happen. Did people cry and pray, resolve to try to get along without the moon, or turn their backs and ignore it? How did they handle the fear and the sense of isolation?

The night before, we wondered at the march what it was like in the past, before we became calloused to the deaths of the former supervisor and mayor. Fifteen years ago, people did cry and pray, and resolved to try to get along without them, but they did not turn their backs and ignore it. And we wondered, how do we learn how to handle fear and the sense of isolation half so well as they did?

Unfortunately, far too few people showed up to remember Milk and Moscone in 1993. Once again, what should have been a majestic throng was a little piddling, especially to the eye of television cameras; they may add ten pounds to a person, but they don't add people to a crowd. The lack of response from the lesbian and gay community can be blamed on the rain, of course, but that isn't really enough. We know that the White Night riots and the Stonewall riots would have happened in a tornado, and that there probably wouldn't have been all that many more last Saturday even if the skies had been clear and the temperatures had reached 80 degrees. In fact, that's probably what the lack of response would have been blamed on.

We could have found excuses to miss the event too, and stay dry inside. But the time for relaxing cannot last forever. Now we have to look out our windows, or into the TV screen, or in the papers, to see what is unfolding before us; a country swiftly caught in a state-by-state battle to dismantle the rights of all homosexuals. And we have to ask ourselves: where are we?

Where are we while the fundamentalists Christians, starving for more publicity, leak excerpts from the miscreant Lou Sheldon's speech at the Hamilton Square Baptist Church? Are we manning the telephones to local and national politicians, like the busybody spinsters of the TVC? Or are we out to brunch? Are we buying our own television station to run our programs, as fundies have done with CBN and the 700 Club, with our supposedly fabulous disposable income, or instead consuming useless symbols of our rainbow freedom while these freedoms are corroded daily by the minions of homophobes and hypocritical pederast preachers? Are we fighting back, or are we out to brunch?

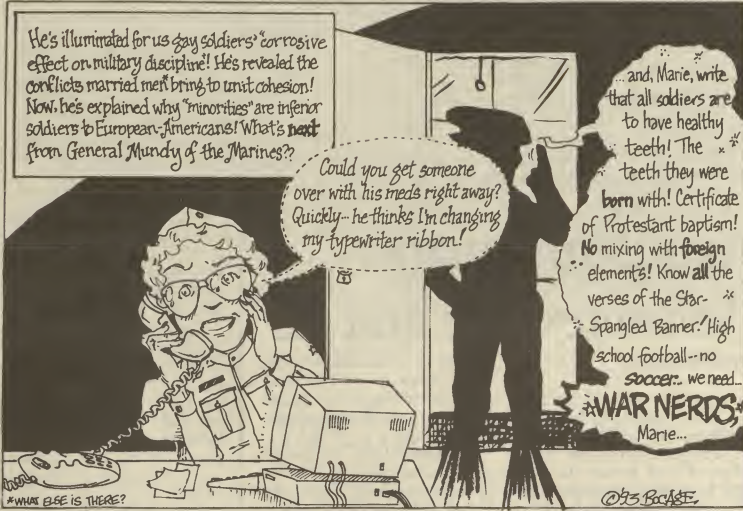
Showing up for memorials, marches, and demonstrations is only a small part of our network of visibility, but it is a strong part. Not only do those events show others our solidarity, but they serve to galvanize our emotions, hopes, and grief.

Staying at home and being good gay consumers may well serve the catalogs and marketing vultures eager to addict us to their alcohol, cigarettes, and red ribbon perfumes (!!!), but it does little to sway the lawmakers who determine whether our love is still a felony. No amount of gay-positive sitcoms will overturn the sodomy laws in 23 states. No amount of bench-pressing will make your muscular body any more legal to fuck in those 23 states. No amount of shopping will make discriminating stores become gay-positive. No amount of frequent flyer miles will improve American Airlines' behavior.

Persistent, dogged, unrelenting pressure is the best weapon to align the corporations, the Congress, and even the President — who thinks a meeting with religious leaders will inform him about AIDS. Now, perhaps he could meet with AIDS administrators to find out more about denying churches tax-free status as a multi-million dollar source for funding AIDS research and prevention.

As long as we allow the lunacy of the OCA and the fascist tactics of skinhead bombers to continue, as long as multinational corporations are allowed to drag us from their planes, as long as entire states can vote to boot homos from their borders, we can become increasingly cynical, apathetic, and resourceless — or we can get up and fight back. How many more martyrs do we need?

And how many brunches, really? ▼



## Guest Opinion

### Emulate Thine Enemy

by Mickey J. Wheatley

The 1987 March on Washington was a turning point for our movement. All who made the pilgrimage were politically and spiritually strengthened by the mere sight of so many of us. Five years later, after a period of fervent organizing, we came back to Washington.

But in 1993, the procession was more parade than march, more celebration than rally. Perhaps that's why, as I look back on last spring's event, I sense it was an expensive failure, and I feel an emptiness of spirit. I wonder: What have we gained from the '93 March? How many of us have joined an organization? How did we get a million people to Washington, at a cost of tens of millions, when all our national groups put together have fewer than 500,000 of us on their mailing lists? And how did we end up humiliated, with a codification of the military's anti-gay ban?

I fear our loss on that issue is emblematic of a more fundamental problem: we simply haven't organized a real movement. When I look back on the last five years of organizing, I see that our strategies have mostly failed us.

While many of us focused on trying to get heterosexuals to like us — through lobbying, encouraging our people to come out, and giving our money to heterosexual politicians, trying to buy their support — the militant groups, most notably ACT UP and its progeny Queer Nation, renounced the apologetic "please-like-me" tactics of the other groups, with cries of "We're here, we're queer, get used to it."

The militants' strategy recognized that our movement had no significant national base, and used the couple thousand militant activists around the country to create the appearance of a large, vocal movement. The tactic was wildly successful. For the first time in history, we constantly showed up on televisions and in newspaper headlines.

And the strategy won some real gains.

AIDS funding has been significantly increased, and we have a voice on how the money's spent. Hollywood is moving from homophobic portrayals to gay-positive themes. The practice of outing reluctantly created new banner holders like David Geffen and Liz Smith, and effectively silenced some of our closeted enemies.

Yet the militants' strategy has limitations: They could deliver us to the front pages, but did not have the strength to deliver a national political victory. We could get a million people to the Capitol Mall, but we did not influence Congress. Our failure to have a real, broad-based movement, instead of the media-created fiction of one, has left us scrambling for some answers. Where do we go from here?

When the military issue came up in January, we didn't get focused quickly enough and our national organizations and media did an inadequate job of articulating to the community why the issue was important. Unfortunately, the left-wing perspective of many of our leaders made them squeamish about working for inclusiveness in a military they have often worked to disband. The uninformed masses in our movement were left to question what the military issue had to do with them.

And we lost on the military issue because we have a fundamental misunderstanding about how Washington works. Congress is moved by constituent lobbying. It's the folks actively involved in the process — by writing, calling, visiting, or harassing their member of Congress — not the passive poll responder, that determine national policy. American politics is about power, not fairness. Remember, Sam Nunn had openly gay senior staff, yet was out biggest enemy. He says he likes us, but so what? He did what plays well back home, and in the end, so did Clinton.

We have also mis-focused on trying to buy heterosexual politicians. If we took all the money we're giving to politicians, and used it to

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## Letters

### Seeds of a Boycott

The following letter was sent to the Public Relations Dept., American Airlines, Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, P.O. Box 619616, Dallas, TX 75261-9616:

I am sending this letter because of the highly publicized incident regarding Mr. Timothy Holless. I do not know Mr. Holless nor was I an eyewitness of what occurred on a recent flight. I can, however, tell you that I have always utilized the services of American Airlines in passenger and cargo space whenever possible.

After days of consideration about this incident, I can no longer make American Airlines the airline of choice or for L/C Express business usage. My reasons are not only due to your personnel's lack of knowledge, sensitivity and compassion, but also because your people do not know what has happened to Mr. Holless. How did he get home? Or if he even made it home!

Your crew has learned nothing from last April's incident when they had all the pillows and blankets changed because of a large gay group being on a flight.

I am also discouraging all my customers in the freight forwarding industry from using your services. Shame on you!

James Dotson, President  
L/C Express  
San Francisco

### Crash Course

The following letter was sent to Mr. R. L. Crandall, CEO, American Airlines, P.O. Box 619612, Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Dallas, TX 75261-9612:

As your computer records may show, I had been a loyal American Airlines customer for a very long time. Please note that I used the past tense in the preceding sentence. I had always recommended American Airlines most highly to all my family members as well as my social acquaintances and business associates alike. I had always arranged any office travel with American Airlines.

I was even an Advantage Gold Member for several years, but all of this has come to an end for me as my conscience and strong sense of principles will no longer allow me to continue doing business with American Airlines.

I was utterly appalled when I read in newspapers the situation with Mr. Holless. I find it unconscionable that, in this day and age of advancement toward universal tolerance and understanding of the human plight, there should be so blatant a display of homophobic, unwarranted hysteria as was shown by your flight attendants in Chicago.

It was perfectly obvious that any reports your flight attendants may have given to their superiors were intentionally covered to place them in the most favorable light, but as you can see by reading eyewitness accounts of the situation, your flight attendants' proof for their actions falls disgustingly short of acceptable.

With reactionary displays of the type shown by your flight attendants on Nov. 14 — not to mention last Spring during the March on Washington and other incidents which have occurred in recent years — I would fear for my own safety and peace of mind if I were to ever travel with American Airlines in the future.

You were once proud to boast of being Number One among the airlines of the nation. You had always been Number One in my mind; but now, you are Number Two, and I do not refer to your ranking as an airline!

Kim J. Schmidling  
San Francisco

### Get Our Act Together

In response to the editorial "Bible Studies" in the Nov. 18 issue of B.A.R., you asked why Integrity, the gay, lesbian and bisexual justice ministry in the Episcopal Church, did not have a contingent at the protest against Lou Sheldon. The answer, unfortunately, is that there is no longer an Integrity chapter in the San Francisco Bay area.

It was officially dissolved some time ago. Furthermore, the Parsonage, the Episcopal Church's outpost in the Castro, is threatening to close its doors too. Gay, lesbian and bisexual Episcopalians in this diocese have become very complacent since our bishop is very sympathetic. However, attacks against gays and lesbians and against the good news that Jesus proclaimed must be countered; if this is to be done effectively, it will take organization.

There will be a meeting at the Parsonage on Castro on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. to discuss its reorganization and there will be a Eucharist and organizational meeting at St. Paul's in Oakland (114 Montecito St.) on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. to discuss reviving Integrity.

I sincerely hope that we Episcopalians can get our act together; this is no time to be complacent.

Darren Miner  
San Francisco

### Muzzio The Muse

I continuously read of the plight of gays and lesbians in the military who are thwarted in expressing their sexual orientation by the new "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. As a Viet Nam vet and longstanding gay man myself, I can't see what all the fuss is about. Coming out seems all so simple to me. If I sincerely wanted to come out in the military, I think it could be done quite easily. For example, why not try this approach:

Scene: A crowded mess hall. Coming out without telling. Ding, ding, ding (I tap on a water glass). "Excuse me, friends and fellow military personnel. I have an announcement to make. I would like to express my sexual preference at this time. Unfortunately, I cannot, as I am forbidden by the Department of Defense policy of 'Don't ask, Don't tell.' Therefore, I am not going to tell you anything as I value my career and my perks. Likewise, you cannot ask me to specify, as you are not allowed to ask of sexual preferences. However, if anyone in this room is so dense as to not understand this announcement, he or she should likely not be taking on the responsibility of defending this country in any case."

I have also noticed that although the military forbids the asking of soldiers and recruits whether they are gay, it does not forbid the asking of whether or not they are straight. It seems to follow, therefore, that one could determine the gay recruits and troops by a simple process of elimination. Try this one for size:

Captain Bigotti speaking: "Alright you recruits, I want all of the straight men and women among you to stand up." Those who remain seated are addressed: "Why are some of you not standing?" To which one woman replies: "Sir, we are not allowed to discuss our sexual orientation." Whereupon the outraged captain replies: "Well, then, if you are not straight, are you gay?" To which the recruit replies: "You may not ask."

Anyone who has ever been in the military learns that much of military life is a game. One simply must learn to play the game. The new game is simply this: If you actually want to be both in the military and gay, don't just come right out and say "I am gay." Come right out and say "I can't discuss my sexual orientation." I assure you, it will achieve the exact result without getting you run out! After all, they can't ask you to elaborate, and you haven't told them anything. Think about it.

Tom Muzzio, Sp/5  
U.S. Army Photographer, MACV 1969  
Portland, Oregon

Ed. Note: We will instead think about residing in Canada should the draft be reinstated, and not entering the Alice in Fatigueland world you so accurately describe in its absurdity.

### WASC Warped

The following letter was sent to Debra Saunders of the San Francisco Chronicle:

In a recent column in your publication (*Thought Police, Diversity Patrol*), Nov. 12, you refine even more your well-developed technique of newspeak, saying the opposite of what is true. You accuse the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), an accrediting agency, of being "politically correct" (would you rather they be "socially mistaken"?), for taking account of diversity at the schools which ask for its accreditation. You imply that women's colleges like Mills — which does not admit men as undergraduates but which has a strong commitment to diversity of race, sexual orientation, ethnicity and disability — should be forced to admit men.

The ethics of discrimination is based on power. When one group has it and another doesn't, it is not wrong for the weaker group to protect itself from the stronger. Mills restricts admission because it provides a better quality education for its students. Even you admit that "women who attended women's schools excelled in leadership qualities compared to women who attended co-ed schools."

Next, you say that the systematic denial of jobs to persons from disempowered groups (i.e., employment discrimination) should not be a factor in accreditation. Unfortunately, WASC seems to agree with you on this point, where lesbians and gays are concerned. Under pressure from conservative religious schools, WASC has proposed excluding sexual orientation from its diversity standards, thus making it possible for Catholic and other colleges to expel students or fire employees if these people dare let it be known that they are gay. Some academic freedom, huh?

WASC needs to include sexual orientation in its diversity standards and you need to take your eyes off your usual right-wing political agenda long enough to learn a few basic principles of education.

R. Wood Massi, Ph.D.  
San Francisco

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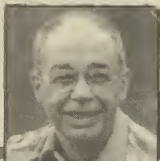


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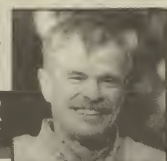


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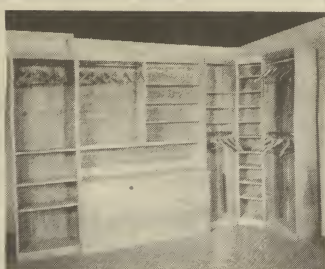
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## Letters

### More Light, Not Light Bulbs

The *San Francisco Chronicle* recently reported that four San Francisco clubs catering to gay men are being threatened with closure by the Department of Public Health over unsafe sex and citing the lack of lighting as a problem. It took the DPH five weeks of investigating the lack of lighting and now determining whether there is sufficient evidence to warrant closing them? How much more evidence is necessary from an environment that will always have the high possibility of risk of contributing to the HIV/AIDS case load here in The City? Ten years ago there was great discussion around the issue of closing bath houses due to their environment, sexual behavior of patrons and risk factors in those environments. Have we forgotten what is at stake here? Or are we just concerned about the pleasure of releasing one's emotional fluid?

In a May, 1993 study reported by the San Francisco DPH, 425 young gay men between the ages of 17 and 22 surveyed were still at risk for HIV infection because of their unsafe sexual behavior, with the highest infection rate among black gay males at 21.2 percent, followed by gay Latino males at 9.5 percent, gay white males at 8.1 percent and 4.2 for gay Asian-Pacific Islanders.

Since the four clubs all cater to gay men seeking public anonymous sex (according to Dr. Mitchell Katz, Director of the San Francisco AIDS Office), my question is: why is this high risk disaster continuing that is supposed to have the support from various HIV Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) in San Francisco in disseminating primary HIV/AIDS prevention and education services to populations of high risk gay men? No doubt, there are some CBOs in San Francisco which have made a concerted effort to get the message across to this population: to engage in high risk sexual behavior will result in death — period. But apparently, a sense of ignorance or belief in one's immortality outweighs HIV/AIDS prevention messages and advice.

Are CBOs, the Dept. of Public Health and the SF AIDS Office being complacent in their approach to disseminating an important message? And the message is that a high prevalence of anonymous unsafe sex increases one's chances of becoming HIV infected. And is the gay community as a whole becoming complacent in allowing or feeling a need for "business" people to make a profit by operating anonymous sex clubs that carry high liabilities?

Many gay and bisexual men and women are at very high risk of being infected and dying of HIV/AIDS due to the high prevalence of anonymous unsafe sex. And, an environment such as an anonymous public sex club does not encourage individual intimacy or to negotiate safer sex and condom use.

For some time, the SF AIDS Office and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation have advocated the usage of these sex clubs as a means of disseminating primary HIV/AIDS prevention and education. Perhaps more light needs to be placed on this approach. For the most part, the vast majority of gay men attending these sex clubs are younger gay men who have not gotten the "message" or have not been exposed to older gay men that are still alive to deliver a safe message about one's risk factor or sexual behavior within these sex clubs. These sex clubs are not "a community service." These public anonymous sex clubs have all the risk factors as the bath houses did more than 10 years ago — with or without lights — clean or not clean.

**Lee Middleton**  
Research Project Coordinator, Center for  
AIDS Prevention Studies

*Ed. Note: While your critique of the AIDS Office's obsession with light bulbs and their absence of providing comprehensive, county-wide safe sex education is well taken, your own one-sided view of anonymous sex ignores the point that even sex with a loving, known partner can be unsafe. It's not where you do it — it's what you do.*

### A Little Fem — Heavens!

This is an open letter to Dale Perkins, or a Puff of Smoke in Your Face.

I don't know which is more striking about your letter about potential tricks who smoke: how very discriminating you are, or how quickly you can switch allegiances. I question your limitations; have you not denied yourself an evening of stimulating conversation, a delightful evening with an interesting person; or possibly someone who might open all sorts of intellectual doors for you? I wonder what your reaction would be to someone with Kaposi's lesions on his face, or maybe someone who is overweight, or maybe a little fem — heavens! I mean, does anyone even glance at these people anymore?

How quick we are to judge one another; how many doors do we close over the silliest of issues? Get serious. There are more important issues. And Dale, I hope you were drinking spring water in that bar, alcohol does destroy brain cells, and in your case, probably by association. Get real! Fortunately, I smoke and I guess I will not have to deal with you! Are we being a little shallow and tremendously shortsighted?

**Marc Porrovecchio**  
San Leandro, CA

### Innuendoes

I am disappointed in the editorial control of your newspaper; it has allowed itself to become the unwitting courier of misstatements and innuendo. These innuendoes and misstatements are a veiled attempt by Mr. David Carranza to characterize the protection and exercise of my legal rights as a personal attack. These innuendoes and misstatements are just untrue.

I offered, in the spirit of friendly business cooperation, to let him use my business name "Ms. San Jose Leather". He did not follow through on any of these offers and created the situation of which he complains. If he cares to participate in the business world, he must accept the burdens of doing so.

As to the culpability of Heidi and Wendy of S.L.U.G. and their alleged participation in a grand conspiracy against Mr. Carranza are his sheer folly. The most accurate way to describe the attacks on them are "shoot the messenger". The assistance they offered to me by agreeing to deliver my last notice of opportunity to avoid violating my legal rights to Mr. Carranza was purely a courtesy they offered me without further involvement in this issue.

Regardless of Mr. Carranza's statements of what he thinks is true, I have both correspondence and telephone messages which indicate he was fully aware of the ramifications of his actions and he had ample opportunity to avoid disruption of his business and the Mr. and Ms. San Jose Leather contest.

As a voice for our community, I would hope your paper would make greater efforts to present truthful reporting which casts the activities of our community in a more favorable light and not to succumb to the tantalizing misstatements which found their way into Mr. Marcus' column. A way to remedy the harm done would be for your paper to issue a retraction including apologies in your paper to Heidi, Wendy, S.L.U.G. and myself.

**Someone Named "Jill"**  
San Jose, CA

*Mr. Marcus responds: Someday the name of the person attempting to disrupt the entire South Bay will come to light. The current Ms. Southbay Leather committed the cardinal sin as a title holder by getting unwittingly involved in a dispute in her own community. Denying her knowledge of the contents of the "letter" is a moot point — she did deliver the letter and sadly and indisputably became a part of the divisiveness which now exists, even though she claims otherwise.*

*The dispute between S.L.U.G. (not the entire membership) and other factions of the Southbay has become a complete bore to the entire leather community and is no longer worthy of coverage, I promise you. As for "someone named Jill", who did not sign the above letter with a legible last name or a return address, methinks the lady doth protest too much. I stand by the coverage as written and deeply regret that a title holder I much admire was misguided by another woman of less honorable intentions.*

### Leather Loyalty

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Wayne Friday

## Super Bill

**P**resident Bill Clinton has been in the Oval Office less than a year, and as one of my favorite political writers put it this week, the "come-back kid," the bumbling Southern small-state governor who at times during the campaign and for months after taking office couldn't come within a mile of a rock without stubbing his toe, has suddenly become, if you will, *Super President*. No doubt about it, whether you are a Clinton fan or not, this guy's first year as our leader is coming to a stellar close.

While some of his battles with a stubborn Congress, led by the GOP's Bob Dole and some Democratic members who don't know the meaning of party loyalty, have, to be sure, been close, Clinton can point to a very impressive presidency so far. Though he stumbled early on (the gays-in-the-military issue will plague him for years to come), Clinton and his White House advisers have to be happy with the accomplishments they have racked up recently. Within a short time,

candidate for supervisor next year, the sense is that Health Commissioner Arthur Jackson might get the nod. Police Commissioner Clothilde Hewlett, one of the brightest women around, is said to be interested in a political (or judicial) future, but the young attorney tells me she "definitely" will not be a candidate for supe next year.

As for the gay and lesbian community and its candidates, from where I sit, I could well envision a scenario where both incumbents Carole Migden and Susan Leal keep their seats while School Board President Tom Ammi picks up the seat being left vacant by Bill Maher's forced retirement.

President Clinton currently has a total of 46 federal judgeships to fill, including several in California, but we will have to wait until Congress comes back from recess on January 25 before we know whether or not the White House will appoint that long-awaited gay or lesbian federal judge in Northern California.

Locally, the Democratic Party is said to be frantically looking for a strong candidate to oppose Independent state Senator Quentin Kopp next year. The names most often mentioned: City Attorney Louise Renne, Supervisor Tom Hsieh and former San Mateo Supe Tom Nolan.

Speaker Willie Brown and Supes Angela Alioto and Kevin Shelley are among those throwing a fundraiser champagne brunch reception for Assemblymember Rusty Areias, candidate for the Democratic state controller nomination, at 235 16th Street on Sunday, December 12 (415-9176 for information).

And Supervisor Carole Migden and Wilkes Bashford invite you to a "Holiday Feast and Concert," a 2220 Sacramento benefit for one of my favorite groups, Mobilization Against AIDS (\$150 per ticket; 431-2852 for information).

Senator Barbara Boxer will sign her book, *Strangers in the Senate: Politics and the New Revolution of Women in America*, at Stacey's Bookstore, 531 Market, on December 17 from noon till 1 p.m.

And incidentally, one of the hottest paperbacks out at the moment has to be Joseph Steffan's *Gays and the Military* (Princeton University Press, \$14.95). Steffan, one of the ten highest-ranking midshipmen in his class at the U.S. Naval Academy, had a promising career as a naval

officer until he admitted he was gay. The documents in Steffan's book are taken from the suit he filed against the Defense Department over his subsequent dismissal (Oliver Gasch, the judge in Steffan's suit, referred to the midshipman as a "homo" during the case). Two weeks ago, the U.S. Court of Appeals ordered the Navy to reinstate Steffan.

Singer Liza Minnelli observed yesterday's World AIDS Day by performing a new AIDS anthem, "The Day After That," at the UN in New York. Minnelli recorded the song, from the current Broadway hit musical *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, as part of a campaign to raise public awareness and funds (all monies from the record will go to fight the disease), and she performs it with 70 musicians and 120 singers, including members of the New York Gay Men's Chorus. Ms. Minnelli says about the song: "It's about the war against despair, the war against this devastating plague that we're going through, and about hope. This song is our call to arms; every war has its anthem, and we now have this anthem for the war against AIDS."

In Boston, gay and lesbian activists, many close to that state's Republican Governor William Weld, are protesting the nomination of former state Senator Edward Kirby as an appeals judge for the Department of Industrial Accidents. Kirby once equated gays with pedophiles while opposing gay rights in the '80s. Though he has apologized for his comments, Weld, often called the most pro-gay governor in the nation, is said to be reconsidering the appointment.

Friends and supporters of Supervisor Susan Leal, appointed by Mayor Frank Jordan to fill Roberta Achtenberg's seat, will hold an election campaign kickoff soiree for her on December 9, 6-8 p.m., at Trader Vic's (\$150; 495-4910 for information).

Last Saturday's Candlelight March marking the 15th anniversary of the murders of Harvey Milk and George Moscone was, despite the rain and lousy weather, one that should make us all proud. It was good seeing friends that I haven't seen for too many years (some since Harvey died), and I was pleased to be part of the event. Thanks and a "well-done" to all those responsible for a memorable night. ▼



### Commentary

the president took what seemed like a sure defeat in the balking House of Representatives and turned the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) into an impressive win, then the Senate followed suit. Bill Clinton, on that issue alone, looked like a political champ.

A week later, Clinton pressured the Congress into passing the equally controversial Brady Bill — legislation that the Reagan-Bush administrations could never get past first base because of GOP congressional leaders. Plus, after years of presidential vetoes, Clinton got the family leave bill enacted; he pushed through a law that gave military women the right to have abortions; won a hard-fought budget battle without wrecking the economy; and has begun to put into place a plan that will increase federal government efficiency.

Add to this the fact that a workable health-care reform plan is about to become reality, and the voters will almost assuredly forget the early embarrassments of the first Clinton year (the snafus over finding an Attorney General, the White House travel office mess, and, yes, maybe even the firestorm over the way Clinton and his defense secretary mishandled the gays-in-the-military issue). All in all, one would have to say that Bill Clinton has had a pretty good year. One local Democratic activist was even telling me last week that Clinton is indeed "Camelot returned," adding, "I mean, do we love this guy or what?"

Well, not exactly, but in my opinion, despite the thorny military issue, Clinton stands ten yards taller than the previous two White House occupants. Now, Mr. President, it's time to turn your attention to the AIDS epidemic. Not next year, but now!

### Politics and people

As San Francisco's African-American community looks hard for a consensus

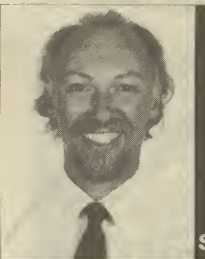
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# Beyond Contentment

by Nancy Boutilier

Although there is a great deal about my biological family for which I am thankful, this past Thanksgiving was one that allowed me to bask in the warmth of one of the families I've found here in San Francisco. A friend offered to cook a turkey and assembled a queer-style "family" gathering for an afternoon of laughter and friendship that only a home-away-from-home can provide.

As I waddled away from the holiday feast, I was enjoying the comfort of a full belly and a full heart, thinking how great it is to live and love in San Francisco. All in all, the day was marked by complete contentment.

Since the football games were over by the time we reached our apartment, my girlfriend and I tuned into one of the hundreds of television hours dedicated to remembering the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

While recent political events have convinced me that the Clinton White House will never become the Camelot I thought I was voting for in November of 1992, the combination of Kennedy nostalgia and Thanksgiving must have put me in a mood that allowed me to feel sentimental when the opportunity arose. So, by the time I gathered with hundreds of others on Castro Street, on Saturday, November 27, to remember the life, the spirit, and the 15th "anniversary" of the assassination of Harvey Milk, I was primed to be moved not only by the solemnity of a

them — 15 years ago, and now, all 15 of those years later. And I found myself asking, "What does Harvey mean to me?"

The fond words from men and women who were fortunate enough to have been touched directly by Harvey's life reminded me that, as Cleve Jones put it, ordinary people can do great deeds. They made him sound like a great guy, the kind of person who could make you laugh, a real character. And while I'm not convinced that Harvey

erend Cecil Williams' memory that Harvey was the first white person who had approached him with the desire to take a stand against apartheid in South Africa, two things grew clear to me in the mist of the evening rain: Harvey knew how to build coalitions and, as the Reverend Williams said, he was "ahead of his time."

I thought I had known that going into the march. I have read the books, seen the documentary, and heard the stories before. But something new clicked in me when the Reverend Williams stood on the steps of City Hall reminding us that Harvey and his followers had been on the cutting edge. "Be the vanguard," he both commanded and challenged the crowd gathered. And I realized how easy it is to recognize a visionary with hindsight.

How many of us who plan to honor the work of drag queens,

was ordinary, I'm not convinced that he was perfect, either. In many ways, that may be part of the point. After all, I believe that we still do want to believe in heroes.

Earlier in the week I heard someone say that every movement needs a martyr, and Harvey is one of ours. Yes, perhaps, but every movement needs more than martyrs. Movements need "ordinary" people who act on their beliefs, who see the need for grassroots organizing and political strategizing.

For every word about the past spoken at the rally for Harvey, there was a word about today, and two more about tomorrow — about our need for unity, about anti-gay initiatives, about the mobilization of hate that is targeting us, about fighting back.

And always the echo of Harvey saying not what he was going to do, but urging his followers to take action of their own. He called on people to come out of the closet, and 15 years later, that call still seems to be too scary or too costly for too many people. But Harvey was right then, and he's right now.

### Questioning complacency

I found myself questioning my general complacency with those who choose, for one or an assortment of many reasons, not to come out. I rarely challenge acquaintances on that decision, but I felt a resolve come over me to push a little harder next time, to urge for an inch more. Listening to a tape of Harvey's voice blasting through the sound system and across the Castro, I heard in the pauses between his words that I had the option of being part of the solution or part of the problem. When he concluded with the line, "You gotta give 'em hope," I knew the emphasis was not only on *hope*, but also on *you*.

Whether it was Dennis Peron's recollection of Harvey's support of the legalization of marijuana or the Rev-

transvestites, and bull dykes who rioted at the Stonewall Inn 25 years ago would have had the courage and vision to stand with them back when the cops, as was customary at the time, were checking to see if they were wearing the "right" kind of underwear?

The fringe beliefs of one era can stir the greatest progress in the next. Realizing that contentment rarely causes change, I started wondering who the visionaries of today would turn out to be tomorrow. I had the distinct feeling I was not one of them. I realized how, after a few years in this city, satisfaction can set in, and contentment comes too easily, and at too high a cost to others.

Rebecca Hensler spoke of being a nine-year-old California grade schooler during Harvey's campaigning against the Briggs Initiative, an initiative that the religious and political right claimed was to "save" children from lesbian, gay, and bisexual teachers. Hensler pointed out that it was Harvey and those who mobilized with him who had saved her.

I was in high school at the time, back in Massachusetts, but Harvey saved me, too, because today I am a high school teacher in California and I am able to be out at school. So, as I return from the little vacation Thanksgiving affords those of us on a school calendar, I will return thankful for all that there is to be thankful for, but a lot less content with the ways of the world.

Harvey, after all, was not asking what the community could do for me — although it has and continues to give me pride and joy — but, like that other martyr whose life and death are much more visible in the popular conception of American history, he was asking what I can do for my community.

And those who spoke in memory of Harvey reminded me of how much there is to be done. ▼

## HARVEY MILK

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Harvey Milk made history as the first openly-gay elected official in California, and one of the first in the nation, when he won election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in November 1977. His campaign store and campaign headquarters at 575 Castro Street and his apartment upstairs were centers of community activism for a wide range of human rights, environmental, labor and neighborhood issues. Harvey Milk's hard work and accomplishments on behalf of all San Franciscans earned him widespread respect and support. His life is an inspiration to all people committed to equal opportunity and an end to bigotry.

"You gotta give 'em hope!"

(Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)

## Commentary

candlelight march, but also by the celebration of one of our community's heroes.

I was not let down. But contentment was not what I felt at the end of the evening. It started out soothing enough. It seemed right that someone had been inspired to commemorate the site of Harvey's camera store — and the hub of his political career — by placing a bronze plaque in the sidewalk in front of the building, now occupied by a soap boutique, at 575 Castro Street.

And, as one who had the pleasure of seeing his one-man show honoring Milk's life, I found it appropriate that James Kennedy (not of Hyannisport) was the man with both the inspiration and determination to make the memorial plaque happen.

### Harvey's call

Just as the plaque immortalizes Harvey's call: "You gotta give 'em hope," the evening held a number of great one-liners that you didn't need a reporter's note pad to remember.

In a gentle rainfall ("I'd rather stand in the rain at 18th and Castro than in the sunshine anywhere else." — Harry Britt), friends of Harvey tried to explain what Harvey's death had meant to



# There's a New HIV Testing Strategy Here in California —And It's Terrible

by Karen Ocamb

A new State Office of AIDS HIV testing policy proposal was decried as a "disastrous policy shift" by a series of healthcare providers at a news conference Monday, November 22, at the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center. The state proposes to only fund HIV testing in clinics that follow the new guidelines.

The budget-cutting measure, scheduled to go into effect early 1994, will use a "telephone triage" system to determine who is at high risk for HIV infection. Callers deemed to be at low or no risk of infection will be told why they are not considered at high risk and advised to go to a private doctor, an HMO, or an alternative site if they still wish to get tested.

The survey asks explicit questions about sexual practices, but women who sleep with bisexual men, people who sleep with prostitutes, behavior that allows for blood to blood contact, and sharing objects (other than needles) are not considered in the high risk category.

For legislative watchers like LIFE Lobby's Robert Rios, the state's proposal is not a surprise. Over the past six years, Rios said in an interview from Sacramento, there has been no new money allocated to the Office of AIDS. And various AIDS programs — such as HIV testing — are line items in the state's budget. The current budget for all state-run AIDS programs is \$76 million with over \$15 million going for education and prevention.

**"This short-sighted program cuts costs now, but increases costs later."**  
— Dean Goishi, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team

The state allocated new money for HIV testing (for contract sites such as universities and county and rural clinics, as well as alternative sites) when demand increased after the announcements by Magic Johnson, and later Arthur Ashe, that they were HIV positive. However, those "bumps" in money were never written into the base budget, Rios said. Until now the state "found" money to continue most free anonymous or confidential test sites, he said, although many sites have been quietly shutting down for lack of funding since last year.

"The state thought they were testing too many people who didn't need to be tested and they were not testing enough positives," Rios said.



Dean Goishi is concerned about the new testing policy.  
(Photo: Karen Ocamb)

"But screening people in and out assumes a high level of honesty, a sophistication of training by an intact staff, cultural and linguistic competency, and that the risks identified by the Office of AIDS are true when we still don't know all about HIV transmission. We don't know anything about lesbian transmission, for instance."

"This new protocol is designed to discourage people from being tested," said Darrel Cummings, director of the Center's health services. Most affected will be women, youth, and people of color who do not fit into the designated high risk categories or who would feel inhibited about answering questions honestly, he said. Under the new system, for instance, HIV-positive basketball star Magic Johnson would most likely have been referred out of a test site.

Among those concerned about the effects of the new proposal is Dean Goishi of the Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team, who said that HIV is becoming increasingly more prevalent in the Asian community. The proposal "perpetuates the myth" that AIDS is a gay man's disease and will give immigrants and others who are not gay or not willing to self-identify the false impression that they are not at risk.

"This short-sighted program cuts costs now, but increases costs later," Goishi said.

"We are stunned and outraged," said Joyce Canham of the Women's Caucus of the AIDS Regional Board. "This mandate is downright discriminatory. Women do not fall into their high risk category. There is no such thing as a 'high risk group.' The term is obsolete. The actual risk is based on your behavior, not on a group. And we know that women are the fastest growing group with full-blown AIDS." Many women of color in particular do not know they are walking around with the HIV virus, she said.

Cesar Portillo, director of government policy for AIDS Healthcare Foundation and a member of the Alianza Latino Caucus, said he believes the "telephone triage" system "discriminates against the poor and people of color" by

assuming callers have access to transportation and money or insurance to pay private doctors, HMOs, or alternative clinics that charges fees for testing. Additionally, he said, the new proposal will "encourage people to lie if a free test is denied," thus skewing any data the state hopes to glean. Last year, he pointed out, one third of the new cases were among Latinos with a 95 percent increase among males and a 168 percent increase among Latinas — many of whom didn't know they were infected.

"I do not fit the criteria for what the state considers 'at risk,'" said African-American heterosexual Pat Griffin of the Los Angeles Shanti Foundation. "Take a look at who I am. We are the people who are getting HIV-infected."

Sylvia Drew-Ivie of T.H.E. Clinic for Women also pointed out that teenagers are not in the definition of "high risk group," nor are older women who have been steadily showing up with HIV infection from blood transfusions. The state's criteria says anyone who received a blood transfusion before 1985 is not in the high risk category.



The District Health Center No. 1, center for HIV testing, on 17th Street in San Francisco.  
(Photo: Steve Savage)

Frequent attempts by the B.A.R. to discuss the policy with Ana Ramirez, director of HIV Testing at the State Office of AIDS, were fruitless; all calls to her office were left unreturned by press time.

The Center, Cummings said, "will not comply" with the new policy, nor will a number of other clinics. In a phone interview Julie Jaskol, spokesperson for the L.A. Free Clinic, said that the risk of AIDS among teenagers is growing much faster than among the rest of the population and, since women and homeless teenagers are the majority of their clients, they

will continue to test and counsel and "find funding elsewhere."

Although the policy proposal is happening in legislative "dead time," Rios said LIFE Lobby is working with Senate leader David Roberti and the staff of Assembly-member Barbara Friedman's — she chairs the Ways and Means Health subcommittee, which reviews budgets for the Office of AIDS — on the screening test.

"All that is required of the state right now is that they fund free, anonymous testing," Rios told the B.A.R. "It doesn't say how." ▼

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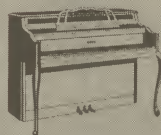
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## CUAV Community Watch

# Brothers — Or Oppressors?

[The intent of this article is to provide an opportunity for our community to engage in dialogue about this very serious issue. In two weeks the Men of CUAV will present their response to this article in this space. We at CUAV are very concerned about the issue of violence in our lives as a community, and that includes not only what is directed towards our community by external forces, but also those internal actions elements of our community. We present these issues for your consideration and discussion in an attempt to open a constructive dialogue that will strengthen our community, not destroy it. We welcome your responses and hope that you will join us in the spirit in which we've undertaken this task.]

The perception that the Castro is a Gay Mecca may hold true for the male members of our community, but how do lesbians and bisexual women fit into this equation? More often than not, lesbians and bi-women feel alienated from the sense of community that is supposed to exist in the Castro. In short we are not made to feel welcome and a part of this dream of a safe and nurturing community that is known as *The Castro*.

Sometimes the signs are writ large. Until the recent addition of the Whiptail Lizard space there was *nowhere* in the Castro that was dedicated primarily or solely to members of the lesbian community. We had to put out our own welcome mat or we'd still be waiting for our gay brothers to do something to address this inequity. Why do you suppose that is? There are also many more subtle signs — consider the way women are made to feel less than welcome in the majority of the bars, for instance. Women seeking entry into many bars are routinely carded while men come and go freely: this is a form of harassment, a tactic that states clearly that *women* are not welcome here. For instance, on Halloween a bisexual woman using the bathroom in one of the bars on Castro was sexually harassed by several gay men in the bar. They attempted to touch her breasts and buttocks and "showed off" their penises to her.

Have you ever noticed that although the vast majority of bars are male-oriented and women are not particularly welcomed there, men feel perfectly at ease coming to the "G-Spot" and taking up huge amounts of space on the dance floor with total disregard to the women around them. Men coming to the G-Spot represent a certain aspect of the problem we face: the G-Spot — a space supposedly for women only — has a perfect right to expect to be respected as such. Yet men feel perfectly free to disregard women's space while not according us any access to *their* spaces. Lesbians who dedicated so much energy over the years to being supportive of the gay male community in the face of the AIDS pandemic are feeling left out of the "community" we worked so hard to nurture and protect. Have most gay men ever considered how much more painful and devastating a sexist/anti-lesbian comment is when it is directed at us from one of our own? Consider: a lesbian couple exited a BART station and a gay male yelled, "I am gay but I hate lesbians. I'm gay and the boys and I have always hated women."

We feel we have a *right* to expect that gay men will know better and be more sensitive. We believe that gay men should have invested the time and energy into developing relationships with lesbians so they would be knowledgeable and ready to come to our defense when someone makes a slimy misogynist comment. Sadly this is *not* the usual turn of events. We as lesbians

and bi-women are all too often left to fend for ourselves with no gay brother taking up the gauntlet and saying "that is not okay behavior." Instead we find ourselves trapped and closed in on all sides by a community that would rather ridicule us than welcome us. What does it *really* mean when the *worst* thing a gay man can be called is a "sissy" or "effeminate?" Clearly it means that the *worst* thing you can be related to in this culture is a woman. This is not a healthy situation for our community and it clearly needs to be addressed from a proactive position.

Whatever you do — *don't try to tell us our reality isn't real*. Many women reading this article will be nodding their heads saying "YES!" while many men reading this will be saying "This doesn't happen." You, as a gay man, may squirm over being an unwilling participant in wounding your lesbian and bi sisters so deeply and wish to push this away and not deal with it. Nobody can force you to do anything — but we caution you against ignoring this and believing that it will just go away. It took a long time and a lot of thoughtless remarks and incidents to get us here and it will take a lot of conscientious hard work to get us out of this mess intact as a community. You have a part to play in the solution and we need you. It is true that if you're not part of the solution you are part of the problem. Inaction is not an option.

Some of you reading this article will consider us "petty" and "bitchy" for having the audacity to raise these issues. It is our contention that *you* most of all need to consider our words very seriously. Others of you will be hurt and confused, and we sympathize. Perhaps you personally have never knowingly participated in any of these obnoxious and hurtful behaviors, but have you seen them occur and done nothing? You are a member of this social contract and as such you have responsibilities to your fellow travelers — we ask that you remember that and begin taking steps to answer that clarion call when next it sounds.

CUAV is open to all members of the lesbian/gay/bisexual and transgender community who experience violence against them. We are writing these and other articles in an attempt to educate the community around issues of hate violence and encourage everyone to report such incidents to CUAV. Reporting is one way you can turn your experience into something positive for your community.

We want this discussion to take place openly and without malice, but we feel very strongly that we need to start *now*. Some women have already given up on hearing an honest and respectful response from the gay male community, but some of us would like to stay and build a *better* community from this point on. *Are you with us?*

*Watch this space!* In two weeks the men of CUAV will respond to this article. ▼

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CUAV is a non-profit agency that works to prevent hate violence against lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender persons and promotes personal and community safety. The agency provides counseling, advocacy and referral to people who are bashed or who are battered in same sex domestic violence. For services or more information, call (415) 777-5500. If you are bashed or battered and need help, call our 24 hour Crisis Line at (415) 333-HELP. The agency's offices are located at 973 Market Street, Suite 300, San Francisco. ▼



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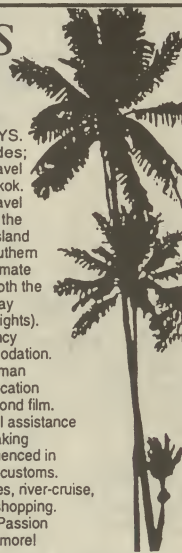
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# Taking a Shot at the Future

*"Midnight Basketball" Teaches Pride, Values, and HIV Info*

by Supervisor Kevin Shelley

The recent incarceration of the alleged murder of Marian Hall, a stalwart anti-crime activist in San Francisco, has refocused press attention on many of Hall's accomplishments. In fact, her list of achievements was so extensive, within her community and the city as a whole, some of them may have been overlooked. One such very important project she helped spearhead in San Francisco, which received comparatively little attention after her death, is Midnight Basketball.

Hall didn't actually start Midnight Basketball; that happened in Maryland in 1986, after which it spread to about two dozen cities nationwide. San Francisco's Midnight Basketball program made its debut in 1991, supported by Hall and others, as a way to stop the cycle of destruction and self-destruction in many of our communities.

It may be difficult to imagine, with all the complex problems of our day, that something as simple as organizing a basketball game could be a part of the solution. But to witness the community coming together to support Midnight Basketball's goal of keeping inner-city youth off the streets during the peak hours when they are most at risk for gang-related violence, drug activity — and unsafe sex — is to be con-

vinced this novel idea is both practical and effective.

## What's missing

There is something missing in the lives of many of our younger citizens today and maybe in our efforts to overcome these seemingly insurmountable hurdles of street life, we've lost sight of the reasons some of these unfortunate events occur. Teens, particularly underprivileged kids, have little to motivate them, to strive for, or to help them pass the time; too many lack any type of discipline or feelings of self-respect: it's no wonder some of them have fallen into a lifestyle centered around crime, drugs, and gang activity.

But finding a way to take the natural competitive instinct we all have, and turning it towards honest, organized athletic activity, can provide a positive outlet. Midnight Basketball builds self-esteem, teamwork, and pride — things that are absent in the lives of many young people today — and does something more: it educates its players about such important topics as AIDS and anti-gang violence.

## Education is the key

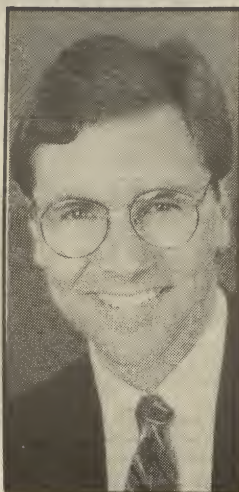
The key to the success of Midnight Basketball is that the games don't begin in the gym. All players, in order to

be eligible in the league, must attend workshops on matters where increased education can make a difference: job training, employment opportunities, cultural heritage, and, as mentioned, gay and AIDS issues. These workshops take place before the games and are mandatory for all players before they can run the court. In addition to the workshops, weekly support programs are offered to provide counseling, employment guidance, educational services and follow-up assessments.

According to statistics, African-American males have the highest school drop-out rates of any demographic group in San Francisco, and one in every three young African-American males in California is currently on probation, on parole, or in prison.

Midnight Basketball targets these "high-risk" youth, and the program has proven extremely successful in the short time it has operated in San Francisco. Last year over 250 youths participated in the program, 70 percent of whom entered into one of the support programs.

The positive effects of Midnight Basketball can be seen in the community as well. According to the San Francisco Police Department, drive-by



Supervisor Shelley is a big booster of Midnight Basketball, a game that goes beyond the hoops.

gang shootings occurred weekly in the Bayview-Hunters Point area, but there were no drive-by shootings in the district last year during the program. Commander Richard Holder cites Midnight Basketball as the reason for the reduction. Other neighborhoods saw similar decreases in criminal activity when Midnight Basketball was established in their area.

Under the leadership of "Lefty" Gordon, Larry Gray, and Robert Hector, San Francisco's Midnight Basketball is headquartered at the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center in the Western Addition. With

help from the San Francisco Department of Parks and Recreation, it has expanded the program to include young adults from the Bayview-Hunters Point, Sunnydale, and Oceanview-Merced-Ingle-side neighborhoods. Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.

The funding of Midnight Basketball was in jeopardy until Nestle Beverage Company of San Francisco stepped up and donated \$47,000 to underwrite and sponsor the 1993-94 season. A business, government, and non-profit coalition has been formed to ensure Midnight Basketball continues.

Soon over 100 billboards and transit shelter posters provided by Patrick Media Group and Gannett Transit will promote awareness of Midnight Basketball and encourage other companies to throw their support to the program. With the increased popularity of Midnight Basketball, it is hoped that the program can be expanded to offer a league for women as well.

The organizers, supporters, and — most importantly — the players involved in San Francisco's Midnight Basketball are all to be commended. It is heartening to see these young adults involved in a game that's won with jump shots and rebounds, not guns and knives.

For more information about San Francisco's Midnight Basketball, please call the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center at (415) 921-6276. ▼

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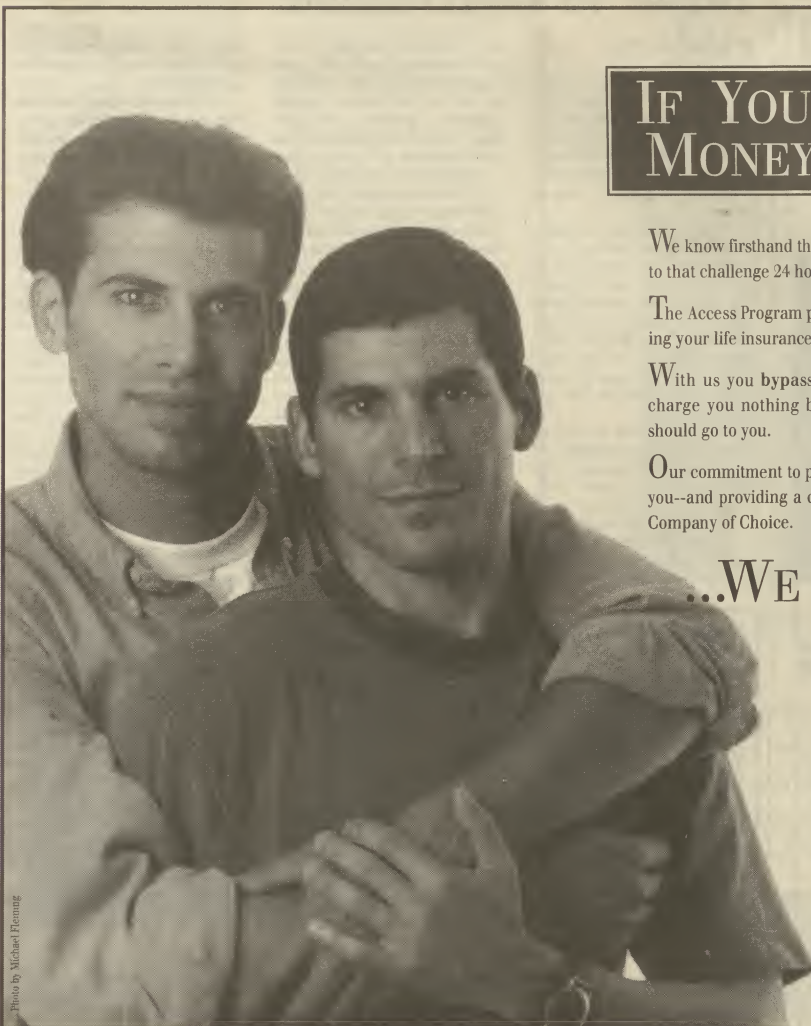


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## Community News

# Convicted Bashers Try To Overturn Hate Crime Laws

### Appeal to State Supreme Court Surprises Law Watchers

by Dennis Conkin

The attorneys representing two convicted juvenile gay bashers have once again challenged the constitutionality of the state hate crimes law, by asking the California Supreme Court to overturn a court of Appeals decision that ruled such laws unconstitutional.

Attorneys for Moira Spencer, now an adult, and another female defendant, also now an adult, are appealing juvenile conviction and sentences they received after the vicious August 1990 bashing of two gay men in front of Orphan Andy's restaurant in the Castro.

Spencer was found guilty of assault for her role in the anti-gay assault against Jonathan Ebarb and Chris Minor, both of whom were ill with HIV infection during the attack and have since died of AIDS.

Two adult skinheads who also took part in the attack were sentenced to state prison terms of one and three years behind bars after their convictions for assault in the case. The sentences were en-

hanced with hate crimes penalties because of the anti-gay nature of the attack.

Spencer and another juvenile attempted to have the state hate crimes laws overturned in an appeal of the case but the San Francisco Fifth District Court of Appeals ruled that hate crimes statutes, known as the Ralph Act, were constitutional.

#### GOP judge cuts jail time

Spencer's sentence of six months in county jail and community service were commuted to time served in jail and a sheriff's work alternative program by San Francisco Juvenile Court Thomas Mitchell, a Deukmejian appointment to the Superior Court.

Furor over his sentences led Mitchell to issue an order barring the San Francisco District Attorney from discussing the case, after a news article appeared in the *Bay Area Reporter* about the lesbian and gay community reaction to his decision.

Mitchell withdrew that gag after *Bay Area Reporter* counsel Thomas Horn notified the judge that he would

file a mandate in the Court of Appeals challenging the constitutionality of his action.

"I am sure the California Supreme Court will uphold this law that protects the dignity and human rights of gays and lesbians and all oppressed minorities," said Assistant District Attorney Keith Vines, who prosecuted the case.

Earlier this year, the United States Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of similar state laws in a Wisconsin case, according to Ed Chen, a staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

"The appeal to the state Supreme Court for a hearing is kind of surprising, because of the U.S. Supreme Court decision. Maybe they believe there are other constitutional issues," Chen said.

Chen told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the ACLU would probably file a brief supporting the Court of Appeal decision.

The court has asked for briefs in the case to be submitted by the middle of January. ▼

## Judges Won't Give Up 'Right' To Discriminate

by Dennis Conkin

Although California judges have to uphold state laws banning anti-gay discrimination in employment, they don't want to give up their memberships in private groups that discriminate against lesbians and gays.

The California Judges Association announced last week that an estimated 65 percent of the membership that voted have struck down a proposed change to the California Code of Judicial Conduct that would prohibit judges from belonging to any groups that practice anti-gay discrimination.

The state's code is not law, but it does set standards for the conduct of judges and they can be disciplined or violating the guidelines.

"It was disappointing," San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Herb Donaldson told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "The

vote was despicable."

Donaldson said the vote was by secret ballot — and because of that, some of the judges apparently thought that their homophobia could pass without public scrutiny.

Superior Court Judge Donna Hitchens found the vote "not surprising" and said that much of the discussion about the proposed code change at a recent conference of judges centered around membership in the Boy Scouts of America.

"That's what the vote was about. Certainly the most important thing about the vote is about how much education we have to do with judges. There's an enormous task ahead of us. It's revealing how little they understand the issues. They didn't want to give up the Boy Scouts," she said.

Attorney Tom Steel, a member of Bay Area Lawyers For Individual Freedom, a group of gay and les-

bian lawyers and legal workers called the CJA decision "outrageous."

"I think it appalling that the people who dispense justice in this state wish to continue to belong to discriminatory clubs," Steel said.

Although Steel acknowledged that in California lawyers have the right to automatically remove one judge from a case they are trying in court, he said that the fact that a judge was a member of a club or private group that discriminated against gays and lesbians wouldn't make him automatically seek to have that judge removed from a case involving a lesbian or gay client.

"But," he acknowledged, "I would certainly take it into account."

The code already prohibits judges from membership in clubs that discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin. ▼



### Close to Hearn

A recent preview performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Sunset Boulevard* raised over \$50,000 for the LA Gay and Lesbian County Services Center. Glenn Close (left) plays silent screen star Norma Desmond, and George Hearn plays director turned butler Max von Mayerling.

(Photo: Karen Ocambi)



# D.C. Activist Doesn't Let Clinton Off the Hook on World AIDS Day

by Lori Santos

WASHINGTON (UPI) - President Clinton's commemoration of World AIDS Day was dramatically interrupted by an angry activist Wednesday, who claimed the president has reneged on campaign promises to combat the deadly disease.

But Clinton, hearing out the lengthy verbal assault from a young member of the AIDS activist group ACTUP, told an audience at Georgetown University Medical Center, "It's all right....He expects me to do something, which is a step forward. I don't take it personally."

"I'd rather that man be in here screaming at me than having given up altogether," Clinton said.

Clinton's response came in answer to 19-year-old Luke Montgomery, who shouted, "Talk is cheap, we need action!"

"If you're so concerned about AIDS, where's the Manhattan Project on AIDS that you promised during your campaign," screamed the young man, who claims to have changed his name to Luke Sissyfag. "One year, no results. ... While we, in my community, are dying in ever increasing numbers and all you do is talk."

The encounter, after Clinton had spent time with several victims, brought him face to face with the anger and frustration of those infected with the deadly HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Officials estimate about one million people are infected with HIV and that by the end of the year, up to 480,000 cases of AIDS will have been reported and up to 340,000 will have died.

Clinton stood impassively through the diatribe, which ended when guards pulled the activist from the auditorium. ACTUP, a coalition of AIDS activists, however, had announced plans in advance to disrupt the president's speech because of his "lackluster response to AIDS." They also called again for passage of legislation to cre-



President Bill Clinton.

ate a "Manhattan Project" for an AIDS cure.

Montgomery was questioned by police and released.

Clinton sought to defend his administration's efforts, saying funding for AIDS research was up 20 percent, and noted poignantly that it was beyond his ability to keep people infected from the disease from dying.

"Part of my job is to be a lightning rod," he said, "...knowing that as long as you are trying to lift hopes and lift aspirations, you can never fully close the gap between what you're reaching for and what you're actually doing."

"And knowing for sure that there is no way I can now keep everybody alive who already has AIDS," the president said.

Clinton won sustained applause from the audience.

He earlier spoke with seven patients stricken with the deadly disease, paying special tribute to 38-year-old Larry Singletary, who has spent the last four months in the hospital with the disease.

"The (disease) can attack my immune system but it can't attack my spirit," Singletary told the president.

But he, too, called on Clinton to "appropriate a lot of money for more research" for a cause and cure for the epidemic. ▼

# Buttino Case Goes to Court; Justice Dept. Will Be Bad Loser

by Dennis Conkin

Former FBI agent Frank Buttino's lawsuit against the FBI begins today at 8:30 a.m., before U.S. District Court Judge Sandra Armstrong at the Federal Building at 450 Golden Gate.

Buttino, a 20-year counter-intelligence special agent stationed in the San Diego field office, was fired in 1991 after the FBI revoked his security clearance following an investigation into his sexual orientation.

The investigation was prompted by an anonymous letter outing Buttino to FBI officials.

Buttino's suit is a class action suit on behalf of all former employees or applicants to the agency who were fired or did not get jobs with the FBI because of their sexual orientation.

The FBI has maintained that Buttino was not terminated because he was gay, but because he lied about his sexual orientation when asked by FBI officials.

Buttino's lawyer Richard Gayer maintains that Buttino is another victim of a long standing anti-gay bias in the agency.

"The FBI falsely claims it did so because Buttino lied to investigators about details of his gay-related conduct," Gayer said, "but bases these claims almost exclusively on

the results of polygraph examinations."

Buttino acknowledges that he initially denied that he was gay in response to an informal question by FBI officials, but said that when he realized he was under formal investigation he acknowledged he was gay.

Gayer told the *Bay Area Reporter* that he plans to call as his first witness a local lesbian who was turned away for a job as a special agent in the agency.

The witness is Dana Tillson, a one-time applicant who scored extremely high on employment tests and was told the agency wanted to hire her.

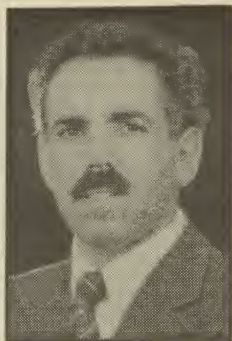
But, acting on orders from FBI officials, the San Francisco field office was told to determine whether she was a homosexual.

An investigative team asked Tillson about her sexual practices and Tillson acknowledged sexual practices with women.

Following that inquiry into her sex life, Tillson was out of the running for a job, according to Gayer.

Gayer told the *B.A.R.* the plaintiffs will rely primarily on FBI documents to prove its case.

One of the documents is the memo from FBI headquarters to the San Francisco field office directing agents to interview Tillson to "deter-



Frank Buttino

mine if she is homosexual," but also warning them in the same memo "not to ask her about her sexual preference."

According to Gayer, the documents and Tillson's testimony show that the FBI discriminates not only against people who engage in homosexual conduct but also against people the FBI believes to be gay, independent of their sexual conduct.

Buttino's suit seeks an end to anti-gay job bias in the agency, and he wants reinstatement to his position as a special agent.

The US Department of Justice has already stated that it will appeal the case if a verdict is made in Buttino's favor. ▼

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# NOW Gives Turkey Awards

EVANSTON, ILLINOIS — A chapter of the National Organization for Women passed out awards Sunday, November 22, but most of the recipients won't be pleased they won.

The Crystal Lake and Waukegan police departments won the Grand Gobble Award at the Evanston-North Shore NOW chapter's ninth annual Turkey awards presentations. They received the awards because they did not heed the fears of Caroline Witt and Kimberly Globis: Witt tried to persuade Crystal Lake police of the need for a stalking charge against her boyfriend, who eventually killed her. Waukegan police ordered a protective order for Globis, but it got lost in paperwork. Globis was later killed by her boyfriend.

"Trotters up" in the awards were: Senator Robert Packwood, who has had many sexual harassment charges leveled at him in the past year; Judge Buford Parsons Jr., who awarded custody of a child to his grandmother because his mother is a lesbian; Northwestern University Professor P. Joel Rosenfeld, for firing a female lab assistant after she was beaten by a male co-worker; a Catholic priest who attempted to justify the murder of doctors who perform abortions; and a group of boys who engaged in a competition for sex, plus their supportive parents.

—United Press International



# A World AIDS Day Look at a World of AIDS

## World Health Organization Says Legalize Condoms, Homosexuality

United Press International

MANILA — Even as gay rights are under increasing attacks in the United States, the World Health Organization Thursday, November 25, called on other governments to scrap laws that discriminate against gays and ban condom promotion. According to the WHO, such repeals are necessary to help prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS.

The WHO Asia-Pacific regional office, based in Manila, said compulsory AIDS screening and detention of those af-

flicted should be discouraged, because such practices lead to "evasive behavior on the part of those who know or suspect they are HIV-infected."

In a statement issued for World AIDS Day on December 1, WHO said more than 11 million people worldwide have been infected with HIV.

The AIDS pandemic is expected to "grow significantly" in the years ahead, with developing countries accounting for 90 percent of all HIV infections by 2000, the statement said. More infections are expected occur in Asia in

the next decade, eclipsing Africa as the primary area of concern.

The WHO said laws that prohibit the promotion of condoms and discriminate against gays were "barriers" in the campaign to halt AIDS.

"It is essential to remove impediments to the dissemination of frank and informative messages about sexual health, as well as those that hinder people from receiving and acting on prevention messages," a WHO newsletter said. ▼

## HIV in Central and South America and Asia

Although the AIDS epidemic has prompted a highly visible "World AIDS Day" response in America and Europe, HIV has not yet become a media event in most of the countries in the world where, paradoxically, it is now the most rapacious.

For the last decade, Africa and North America were the places with the greatest incidence of new HIV infection, and were therefore the focus of most AIDS information materials. Now, however, the areas that most concern healthcare officials are Central America, South America, and—especially—Asia. In the week leading to World AIDS Day, countries from each of those hotspots were grappling with the realities of HIV there:

### Colombia

A study released Tuesday, November 23, said nearly 3,000 girls, some as young as nine years old, are working in the Colombian capital as prostitutes.

The study, completed by the Bogota Chamber of Commerce, said the girls all come from violent homes and blamed the government for not having proper programs to address the problem.

The study said 2,959 girls between the ages of nine and 17 work as prostitutes in Bogota. Some work from the streets of the capital while others work in bars and other establishments, undressing in public and being sold for sex to the highest bidder.

The report said the majority of the girls are controlled by "masters" who take their earnings and provide them only with shelter, food and drugs.

In interviews, the girls showed little or no knowledge of AIDS, the report said.

Some 52 percent reported having had a sexually transmitted disease at some time. Around 45 percent said they use condoms, though some acknowledged that they would forego use of a prophylactic if they were given additional money by clients.

### Honduras

A World Health Organization report shows that Honduras has 3,193 of the 5,600 reported AIDS cases in Central America, although the country has only 17 percent of the region's population.

Delia Tercero of the Honduran Health Ministry, who reported the WHO totals Wednesday, November 24, said officials estimate the number of people with AIDS in Honduras will increase nearly five-fold by the year 2000, to 15,000 cases.

Although 3,193 of the 5,600 Central American AIDS cases — 57 percent of the total — are in Honduras, only 60,000 of the region's estimated 200,000 HIV carriers — 30 percent of the total — are in the country, the WHO report said.

Tercero said Honduras, with 17 percent of Central America's population, has a disproportionately high number of people with AIDS because "the population refuses to take preventive measures and those that do, do it incorrectly."

Eighty percent of the people with AIDS in Honduras, which was the first Central American nation to report an AIDS case, are heterosexuals, and 58 percent are between

**Eighty percent of the people with AIDS in Honduras are heterosexuals.**

the ages of 20 and 34. Two-thirds of the PWAs are men.

El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama and Nicaragua follow Honduras in numbers of AIDS cases.

### Singapore

The number of people testing positive for HIV in Singapore has increased by 40 percent during the first ten months of 1993, compared to the same period last year, the government said Wednesday, November 24.

A total of 56 Singaporeans came down with the virus during the first ten months of this year, compared to 40 cases found during the first ten months of 1992.

The island republic has a population of 2.7 million.

From August to October of this year, 17 new cases were reported of patients testing positive for HIV, including 14 men and three women. Of these, four were found to have full-blown AIDS, said the Ministry of Health.

All 17 of the new cases contracted the virus through "unprotected sexual contact with casual partners and commercial sex workers," the government said.

Since the first HIV case was detected in Singapore in 1985, 214 Singaporeans have been diagnosed with AIDS,

**The number of people testing HIV-positive in Singapore has increased 40 percent during the first ten months of 1993.**

and 49 of them have died.

According to a locally published book released last week, there are more than 6,000 full-time or part-time prostitutes in Singapore. The book estimates that almost half of the country's sexually active men have visited prostitutes.

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For more information about this and other studies contact Mark Bowers at (415) 353-6215. HIVCare is a program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco.

## World News

# India's (Lack of) Response To AIDS Cases Among Gays

by Mark Freeman

The official government statistic on homosexual HIV transmission in India is 0.011 percent, but Ashok Row Kavi thinks otherwise. As the only visibly "out" gay AIDS activist on the subcontinent, he has watched the epidemic ignored for a decade until bureaucrats realized it was a source of international funding; at first it was blamed only on foreigners, and then on female sex workers. The powers that be still won't talk homosexuality.

But Kavi can talk, and how. He just left San Francisco after a month-long study visit, but before returning to India he spoke urgently before TRIKONE (Gay & Lesbian South Asians) and the new community group SAHAN—South Asian HIV and AIDS Network.

"Maybe some of this 'abusive' charge against me is right. But I am not trying to be abusive. For instance, I spoke before medical doctors and urged them to examine for rectal gonorrhea [he pronounces it to rhyme with Honoria] and vaginal ulcers, especially among dehydrated women in the drought-plagued Tamil region, as high risk vectors. Many of them stood up and walked out at such an indecent suggestion." Many doctors avoid actually touching possibly infected patients. Or, apparently, hearing about it.

Kavi is concerned that the entire public health system in his country is about to go under. "STDs are out of control. TB has recently gone through the roof — and 68 percent of the TB-infected in Bombay are HIV-latent. Even higher statistics — 78 to 90 percent infectivity — are found in studies of IV drug users in northern Manipur. That's where AIDS patients are cuffed to their beds in a jail run by police" who are pretending "to be Mother Theresas."

### Statistical problems

And what about male-to-male sexual transmission? Statistics are almost impossible to come by, even for Kavi and the national gay magazine he puts out, *Bombay Dost* — meaning Bombay Friend, as in "special friend." There are two main reasons for this difficulty, he said.

"The government would prefer that I don't connect the topics of AIDS and homosexuality." In a country where officials toe the line of immoral heterosexual transmission, and restrict their funding to further studies of sero-positivity surveillance tracing, homosexuality had still best not whisper its ugly name.

But the other difficulty is even more widespread and intrinsic to Asian life. "There is no social construct in Asia for gay identity. People ask me this all the time: 'A man fucking a man, okay; but what does gay mean?'" He quickly warms to the subject.

In 1990 *Bombay Dost* did an impromptu study of middle class self-identified homosexual men and found HIV positivity in 22 out of 103. But Kavi finds middle-class men, although well-educated, also tend to be the most closeted.



Gay Indian activist and *Bombay Dost* publisher Ashok Row Kavi stated that his "government would prefer that I don't connect the topics of AIDS and homosexuality." (Photo: Arvind Kumar)

So he believes an emerging sense of "gay community" is more likely to develop among lower class Indians, as they become "outed" by fast changing family structures. "Gay" men were always part of the Hindu Undivided Family; "among the four generations living under the same roof, there were always single uncles so accepted that they might even have a boyfriend living with them in the house. Nobody says a thing."

### Anal receptive "straights"

Most people in India, if asked "Who is gay?" would mention the *hijras*, the openly nancy, the eunuchs. But Kavi's group has found that many of these "eunuchs" have neither had surgery nor engaged in self-mutilation — and their role in transmission may

facilities, then be home to their wife in time for dinner.

"In Britain," Kavi goes on, quoting studies and his own experience, "the largest number of cottagers [tea room queens] are Asian married men."

"Sex between a man and a woman is considered serious sex," he continues, "but between two men it is called *masti*, a word that means mere mischief." Lower class bar boys, hotel employees, and rickshaw drivers were also mentioned as frequently "available." A government backpedaling on discussion of homosexuality may have serious problems curbing sexual transmission, gay or otherwise.

There is one other group that enters in Kavi's analysis of gay activity in his country, so divided by religion. Here Kavi, who came out when he was a monk in the Rama Krishna order (before spending 18 years as a journalist with *India Express*) knows of what he speaks. Gay activity is common among religious men, he informs. "Even in the 'fascist' RSS [the militant fundamentalist Hindus] there is a tradition of celibacy ... and of homosexuality."

### Boy-loving imams

"And in the Muslim areas like Bhopal, in the hamams or steam bathhouses, there are studies showing epidemics of transmissible diseases like conjunctivitis." *Bombay Dost* also gets letters from gays as far away as Iran, indicating that "800 people have been executed for being gay or lesbian: women have had molten lead poured into their genitals," yet most of the imams in the Ayatollah's centers of learning "have hordes of boy lovers."

Kavi tries to explain: "What is feared is not homosexuality; that is traditional. What they are upset about is this new thing called gay and lesbian identity. They are afraid of new centers of spirituality as threats to their order."

A closer look at Ashok Row Kavi and his group's community-based approach will become available when local filmmaker Nidhi Singh finishes her in-progress documentary on AIDS in India, which she hopes will happen next year. In the meantime, those interested in what can be done from California can write the South Asian HIV And AIDS Network at 2180 Bryant Street, Suite Three, San Francisco 94110, or call (415) 641-7562. ▼

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not be strictly "anal receptive." In fact, in a study in Malaysia of "straight" men who picked up effeminate queens, a majority of the "men" wanted to be fucked by the "lady boys." Even the anti-AIDS group there played down these socially contentious results.

But the understanding of dynamics help Kavi's group figure out how to do AIDS work in India. In addition to their outreach to obvious cross-dressers and closeted middle class gay men, they consciously do community-based outreach to all single men at known "busy" locations such as railway platforms, public "conveniences," parks, and private parties. Kavi elaborates: "Straight" married men in coats and carrying briefcases will wait on railroad platforms or take the wrong train on purpose, get sucked off or fucked in public



## Yugoslavia

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too." Dr. Jovan Ranin, who works on the ward, said the clinic currently has a one-month supply of AZT to share among its 15 inpatients and the 100 or so outpatients it regularly serves. It has no ddI, he said.

Nor are there antibiotics, such as the ones used to treat PCP and infections caused by the cytomegalovirus. Ranin said. The special medicine used to treat drug-resistant herpes, the strain that caused Malish's infectious outbreak, isn't available either.

"Serious treatment of these patients isn't possible," said Ranin. "We do our jobs worse because we don't have the thing to [best] help our patients with, at the time that they need it. It's awful for the patients and it's awful for us."

## Sanctions make it worse

Some of the clinic's conditions — the lack of heating, disinfection supplies and some medicines, such as antibiotics and those used to treat drug-resistant herpes — can be blamed on sanctions.

Technically, in a country under sanctions, medical treatments are allowed in as humanitarian aid, while other goods are legally not.

However, such humanitarian deliveries to the Belgrade clinic are "sporadic and rare," said Ranin.

But other conditions on the AIDS ward existed before sanctions were imposed on the rump Yugoslavia, while Serbia was at war with Croatia in 1991.

"We gave AZT treatment free and regularly until 1991," said Ranin. "But even before sanctions started we stopped getting it because our government clinic didn't have the money to buy it."

"The ward opened in 1985 and no one did any planning in expectation of its enlargement," said the ward's clinical psychologist, Milanka Lalovic-Brijovic. "We were promised repairs three years ago. They never happened. Now there's definitely not money to fix things."

Lalovic-Brijovic said the clinic's dilapidated state affected the patients' emotional well-being.

"That will be me"

"There's no television, telephones, or relaxing music — things necessary for people with heavy illnesses to help them not think about their sickness. We can't divide patients who are more sick from those who are better.

"How couldn't a patient feel panicked about his future if he's looking at someone who is much sicker than he is and thinking, 'That will be me tomorrow, or after tomorrow,'" she said.

The future for these patients and AIDS treatment in the former Yugoslavia looks dim.

At one time, Yugoslavia boasted a healthcare system close to Western standards. Today, due to the tolls of a wartime economy and sanc-

only exacerbates its stigma.

"What do I see in the future?" asked Ranin. "If things continue this way for one to two years, we won't have much to work with. As things stand, we could just as well close the hospital now. Patients are buying their own medicine and we're just giving it to them."

Ilic said the incidence of AIDS was stabilizing in the gay community and even dropping off among IV drug users, but increasing among Belgrade heterosexuals. In 1989, only two percent of heterosexuals testing positive for the HIV virus became sick with AIDS. This year 28 percent of them did.

Ilic's unit and JAZAS — the Yugoslavian Association for the Fight Against AIDS — are the only two groups in Belgrade attempting to educate the public about AIDS.

Ilic's clinic has a "hotline," open only three hours a day, to answer caller and visitor questions about AIDS.

Both groups hold seminars for health care professionals, students, and interested individuals concerning AIDS prevention, transmission, and ways of reducing the disease's stigma.

"But we don't have enough people to go to every school," said Victorija Cucic, who privately founded JAZAS in 1991. "That's why we try to emphasize peer education, so young people can educate their friends about AIDS."

In addition to not having enough educators of even office space for a base, Cucic

said the mentality in Balkan countries such as this one, hampered JAZAS' AIDS education and stigma-reducing efforts.

"Sexual hygiene is more of a taboo subject here," she said.

Tolls exacted on the Yugoslav economy and public mood by sanctions and the war also hinder Cucic's efforts.

"Everything here goes much slower compared to the West. AIDS is still not the highest problem here. We can't think about AIDS tomorrow because it will be too late. But right now we have poverty and no heating and nobody wants to think of problems in an area, such as sex, where they relax," Cucic said.

## Scaled back AIDS Day

Last year, for World AIDS Day, JAZAS made posters, distributed pamphlets and organized a large music concert and 24-hour television programs centered on AIDS.

This year, no concerts have been scheduled, no pamphlets will be distributed, and television will only run a few hours of AIDS-related programs.

"People just aren't in the mood this year," said epidemiologist Ilic.

Malisha, who will be back at home for World AIDS Day, said he won't be commemorating it.

"If I can't tell anyone here I have AIDS, how can I commemorate the day?" he asked. ▼

**If Malish were to buy the medicine he needs, he said it would cost about \$670 dollars a bottle. He needs six bottles. He said he doubted he could gather that much money, even if he sold his house.**

tions, the standard of health care plummets daily, parallel to the standard of living.

General public ignorance and fear about AIDS, common in Balkan countries such as this one where AIDS exists but in smaller numbers than in other Western countries,

## German HIV Blood Scandal Keeps Widening

United Press International

BONN — German doctors and medical officials are seeking to reassure German citizens, saying that fears brought on by a major AIDS scare were widely unjustified.

Leading representatives of the medical profession lashed out Saturday, November 6, at Health Minister Horst Seehofer, accusing him of causing mass hysteria and failing to inform the public properly over what they said were the limited risks of infection from untested batches of blood plasma believed to be on the market.

The warnings were prompted by revelations last month that for years the Koblenz-based firm UB-Plasma failed to properly test the blood plasma it sold to hospitals in Germany and several other countries.

German authorities, in revealing the company's action, closed the firm and arrested four people.

German hospitals and doctors said mass hysteria has broken out amid claims that contaminated blood may have been on the market for years.

The president of the federal medical association, Karsten Vilmar, criticized Seehofer, said he feared that more people now might die from refusing blood transfusions than from contracting the HIV virus, which causes AIDS.

## Nine million HIV tests

In an interview with *Die*

*Welt*, Seehofer rejected as "outrageous" the criticism he has faced in recent days and said that 2,000 people have been infected by blood and blood products in Germany.

A poll released the following Wednesday, November 10, showed that 15 percent of all Germans want an AIDS test because of the reports of sloppy blood screening procedures and that HIV-infected blood was knowing sold by plasma companies.

The weekly *Die Woche*, which commissioned the opinion poll, said 15 percent of the 1,020 adult Germans interviewed by the Forsa research institute said they would undergo an AIDS test. The percentage would mean nine million people want blood tests.

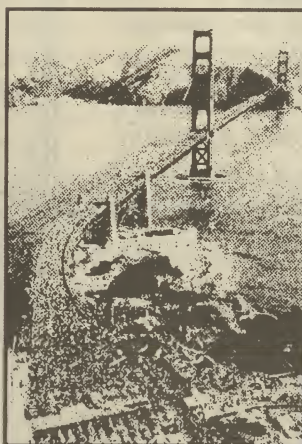
The authorities ordered the closure of a second blood plasma company Tuesday, November 9, because the laboratory which analyzed blood donations for the company, the Haemoplas Blood Center, allegedly did not test each blood unit received.

The head of the western German company, Frank Giesbert, said in an interview with *Radio Niedersachsen* Wednesday that three patients were known to have been infected after receiving blood from Haemoplas.

Giesbert said that in 1990 Haemoplas realized that one of its donors was HIV-positive but that blood he gave was passed by the laboratory. ▼

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## Community News



### Passing the buck

The Grass Roots Gay Rights West organization presented Jeffrey Gibson of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund with a check for \$10,000 raised at the Real Bad 5 party held this past October at Pleasuredome. The Nov. 20 ceremony marked the second year that Real Bad profits have gone for political causes.

(Photo: Marc Geller)

## Emulate

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build a strong, locally-based, grassroots movement, we might find we can pay them less and get more. We can't rely on others to deliver us our freedom.

On the military issue, we were simply incapable of mobilizing a force that could even begin to counter the avalanche of opposition by a well-oiled, right wing machine. So how then do we create this broad-based movement? Let's look at the christian right for some answers. Despite low poll numbers for their ideology, they have enormous influence on Capitol Hill.

Twenty years ago, the U.S. political arena did not have an organized christian fundamentalist movement. We watched the ragtag band of televangelists on UHF as an amusing diversion. Yet these eccentric cranks did their homework. They gained control of more media outlets. They slowly and patiently built a base of zealots who gave them money. They used their flocks' weekly ritual of church-going to preach a right wing political agenda. Twenty years later they are a major political force that progressive people must seriously reckon with. While our top six groups have a combined budget of \$12 million, the top six right-wing christian groups will spend \$213 million this year. They will battle and batter us with a multitude of referenda to stop our advance.

We need to emulate those right wing zealots. Like the right, we need to accept that big gains will not come without the slow, deliberate work of building an active, area by area, grassroots base of adherents to our cause. We need to

accept the strength of our opposition, and stop reaching for too much too fast. The military disaster shows what happens when our reach exceeds our grasp. Let's stop being naive about what we can accomplish, and build for the next decade so we'll be ready for real accomplishments.

There's talk from some quarters about forcing Clinton out front on passage of a federal civil rights bill. These advocates argue that folks like Sam Nunn said the military issue was special. Clinton doesn't have the power to accomplish this task without a movement, and we haven't built one yet. Congress members will have some new excuse to vote against us, and we don't have the clout to do anything about it. Let's not make the same mistake twice.

Like the right, we need to build our own media empire. It is no longer enough for us to try to manipulate the mainstream media for our own purposes. The media has its own agenda, as the pictures of Senator Nunn in the battleship bunks demonstrate. We need control of our message, and to get it heard by all our people in a format appealing to contemporary viewers and listeners. We need TV stations that can plug into the 500-channel future. We can build a network empire like the right wing, if we have the long-term vision and determination those crackpot preachers had in the 1970s.

By using ratings as a guide for what personalities stay on the air or get into prime time, we will help build a movement based on popular personalities who build constituencies for their programs. We have the money and the talent to create a queer network that can rival the 700 Club.

We have been hearing in-

creasing discussion that many activists have an anti-leadership bias. I believe their complaints are merely symptomatic of a movement-wide malaise of apathy and criticism that stems from having no voice in their own movement. These critics are not anti-leadership; they oppose a system of self-appointed leaders. Many of us long for leaders that speak to our deepest hopes, and for our most basic rights.

We don't have the right's church base to build leaders and constituencies. We need to find a way to use our political institutions to create these broad-based constituencies. Leadership by board of directors made sense in the past, when we were happy if we could get a roomful of people together. We are well past that point in our history. It's time to make our institutions democratic.

We need a national organization based on area chapters, with local and national leadership chosen by a majority vote of the group's members. Democracy can bring our movement the kind of leaders it so desperately needs. Leaders create constituencies, and constituencies develop leaders. If people feel they have a voice, they are more likely to join up.

So let's have the courage to invite criticism, to take the long view, to change our institutions, and to build the most fabulous grassroots movement this country has ever seen. We have been oppressed for thousands of years. Let's work like there is no tomorrow, with the patience of those thousands of years. ▼

[Mickey J. Wheatley is a civil rights attorney, and was a staff attorney of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.]

## Marin

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the gay and lesbian rights movement has won in the past 30 years.

"A long way to go"

"We've traveled a long way, but we still have a long way to go," he said. "It was illegal in all 50 states to be gay 30 years ago. Now it's only illegal in 23." Likewise, he said, "Thirty years ago the progressive gay rights platform on

gays in the military was 'don't ask, don't tell.' Now we want to be public about who we are."

As the event ended, Lisa Zimmerman from the organizing committee encouraged the audience to attend a follow-up meeting — called "What's Next?" — scheduled for Thursday, January 13, from 7-9 p.m. at Mill Valley Community Church at Throckmorton and Olive.

"The Town Hall builds on the achievements of those who have come before us," said Zimmerman. "At the

same time it opens a new chapter in our call for the right to participate in and contribute to the life of our county, as fully empowered citizens.

"Your involvement as facilitators, participants and volunteers enabled us to dream, as a community, of a future here in Marin that offers dignity and quality to all who live here."

[Jane Fletcher is an editor of The Slant and author of Marin: The Place, the People and Crush.]



## Health & Community

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**AIDS/HIV Nightline** Seeks volunteers to staff phones. Call Rolph or Dave at 752-4866.

**Adult Children of Alcoholics** Gay & lesbian support group meets Wednesdays, 8-9:30pm at MCC, Room 104, 150 Eureka St. All are welcome.

**Bay Area Young Positives** HIV support group for young people of color. Weekly meetings, activities. Every Wednesday, 7pm. 25 Van Ness, 5th fl. 487-1616.

**Brothers Network (Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services)** Drop-in support groups, closed groups as well. 625 O'Farrell. 749-6714.

**Crossings Program Volunteer Training** Provide emotional and practical support for PWAs in the Tenderloin, Mission and SoMa. Help out now. Darnell at Shanti: 777-2273.

**Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center** 4035 18th St. 255-0700 TDD.

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**Estate Planning for Everyone** Find out how to leave your stuff with those you love. Dec. 7, 7pm. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness. 775-0227.

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**Gay & Lesbian Night at Disneyland** Hop down to LA for the day when Mickey's fucking Goofy. Proceeds benefit LA's Aid for AIDS. \$30. 8pm-1am. Dec. 17. Odyssey Adventures (818) 362-5505.

**HIV+ Support & Education Programs** Different groups for gay men, women, public education forums, couples, family & friends support group, and socials. All groups meet 6:30-8pm, Mondays & Tuesdays. 235 W. MacArthur Blvd., Room 530. 596-6337.

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**Love Works for Single Lesbians** Interactive learning workshop with other single women. \$10-15. Dec. 6. 7-9:30pm. Fort Mason Center, Bldg. A. 572-1999.

**LYRIC & LYFE** Education/social group for the queer youth community. Tuesdays, 6-8pm, 1748 Market, Suite 201. 565-7681.

**P-FLAG** Paul Yee, of Oakland's P-FLAG, speaks about gay folk in Chinese and Asian families. Dec. 12, 2-4pm. 152 Church at Market. 921-8850.

**Peace Corps Volunteers** Gay & lesbian returned Peace Corps holiday party. Dec. 5. 5-9pm. 695-7728.

**Project Inform** Town meeting on reports from the Immune Restoration Think Tank 3 in Baltimore & the FDA meeting in Boston. Dec. 8, 7:30pm. MCC, 150 Eureka St. 558-9051.

**Reclaiming Our Cities** Round table and discussion on the urban crisis. Sessions on jobs, the economy, violence, health care and education. Dec. 4, 1-6pm. SF Women's Bldg., 3543 18th St. \$6-20. Childcare provided for \$2.50. (510) 843-7495.

**Safe Sex Video II** For guidelines, send SASE with name and address to SF AIDS Foundation, PO Box 426182, SF, CA 94142-6182.

**Sex, Religion & Politics** Rainbow Fellowship of Lesbian & Gay Concerns hosts a seminar on the three things one shouldn't discuss at a dinner party. Dec. 8 & 15, 7:30pm, First Congregational Church, Post & Mason. 392-7461.

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**SF AIDS Foundation** Seeks volunteers for its telephone hotline, specifically English-speaking and bilingual Filipino and Spanish operators. 864-5855, ext. 2000.

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**Stop AIDS Meeting** For men 50 & older. Informal discussions about safe sex for gays and bisexuals. Dec. 4. 621-7177.

**United in Spirit** Interfaith coalition soon-to-be formed to peacefully stop the Religious Right's anti-gay agenda. First meeting in January, but funding and ideas welcome now. First Congregational Church, 432 Mason. 974-4383.

**Women Embracing Life (WEL)** Support group for women with HIV. 3543-18th St. 668-3765.

## California News

# Hillary To Do L.A. in January

by Karen Ocamb

AIDS Project Los Angeles will honor First Lady Hillary Clinton and Walt Disney Studio Chair Jeffrey Katzenberg at the seventh annual "Commitment to Life" ceremony slated for January 27 at the Universal Amphitheatre. Awards are given each year to acknowledge recipients' efforts in combatting AIDS.

"We are delighted to be recognizing two individuals who have both played key roles in the ongoing crusade against AIDS," event co-chair David Geffen said in a prepared statement. APLA Board President Steve Tisch told the *Los Angeles Times* that Geffen and event co-chair Barry Diller personally pursued and secured Clinton's appearance.

Katzenberg is on APLA's governing board and, Tisch told the *Times*, "has made a substantial financial commitment to APLA" as well as being "extremely supportive" through Disney. Michael Eisner, chair of Walt Disney Co. and Ron Meyers of Creative Artists Agency are also event co-chairs. The co-chairs and the program's theme—"Heaven Can Wait"—to honor celebrities lost to AIDS—will no doubt entice many celebrities to attend the event.

But there is some speculation about whether the First Lady's attendance might bring demonstrators as well as supporters. Her husband fell into disfavor with many in the gay community when

as President he backtracked on campaign promises. Gays are still stewing over Clinton's military "compromise" and his choice of Kristine Gebbie to be AIDS Coordinator instead of a more powerful AIDS czar.

"Fighting the AIDS epidemic will be a top priority of my administration. We cannot afford to have yet another president who is silent about AIDS or who puts the issue on the back burner," candidate Clinton's position paper on AIDS intoned. Presented at a May 18, 1992 Los Angeles fundraiser, the Clinton paper also committed to "actively use the presidency to focus national attention on AIDS."

The cornerstone of Clinton's plan was providing "universal health coverage" for everyone—a job he assigned his wife. Mrs. Clinton's selection as an honoree in the war against AIDS is seen in that context: 48 percent of APLA's clients do not have health insurance, says APLA spokesperson Dean Licitra. Additionally, her appearance becomes a not-so-subtle public policy reminder to the administration and the public at large to not forget about AIDS.

The First Lady is no stranger to APLA. On March 26, 1992 during a campaign swing through Los Angeles, she toured the old facility and took questions from clients and staff. "The very first thing that needs to be done is to dust off those (Presidential) Commission reports and be-

gin to implement their recommendations and to approach the AIDS epidemic with the same kind of commitment that we would approach any national emergency," she said at the time.

Afterwards, in an exclusive interview with this reporter, Mrs. Clinton talked about her friends who had died of AIDS, fondly remembering former legal aid co-worker Dan Bradley. "I wish he was here today," she said. "I wish that he had not died. But he chose to live out his last years with the same level of intensity that he had lived his whole life and when somebody does that, you feel like it's been a life that should be celebrated and that's what I think most of his friends felt. He wanted for all of us to be committed to what he had fought his entire life. He taught me a lot."

"It is fully appropriate" for Hillary Clinton to be honored by APLA, said Phil Wilson, APLA Public Policy Coordinator and a person living with AIDS for 12 years. "Absent a cure, I'm pleased that someone's taking a stand for the benefit for people living with HIV and AIDS and for healthcare in general."

"I know," said Lenny Bloom, CEO of APLA, "that by her participation in this event, she will be moved and touched and uplifted and challenged, and I feel certain she will return to the White House with an even greater sense of urgency than that with which she arrived." ▼



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## Obituaries

### Anthony Alianiello

Dec. 16, 1947-Aug. 15, 1993

Former San Francisco resident Tony



Alianiello, 47, passed away on August 15, in the Hospice at Desert Hospital, Palm Springs, Calif.

A resident of Palm Springs for many years, Alianiello worked for Sun Air Lines, which

later became Sky West, until an HIV-related stroke forced his early retirement in 1987. Prior to his employment with the airlines, Alianiello was the security guard, then manager of Dave's Villa Caprice Resort in Cathedral City.

A native of Lawrence, Mass., Alianiello left his home town and moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked for Piedmont Airlines at National Airport. He lived there for several years, twice meeting then President Lyndon B. Johnson. Alianiello was amazed at Johnson for remembering his name upon their second meeting!

From Washington, D.C., Alianiello moved to San Francisco, where he worked for the federal government as a collection agent for delinquent student loans. He made many lifelong friends while living in San Francisco during the incredible 1970s. Even so, after several years in the city, Alianiello became tired of government work and craved change of scenery with warmer weather. He moved to Palm Springs in 1978. Following Alianiello's lead, several San Francisco friends moved to Palm Springs shortly thereafter.

Alianiello traveled extensively. He once spent six weeks in Europe visiting nine countries. He made other trips to Europe, and just about anywhere you could imagine in North America. He had a knack for meeting celebrities and would amuse his friends with anecdotes of chance encounters that most of them could only imagine! Alianiello loved life, adventure, travel, music, scary books and movies, and especially, big roller coasters!

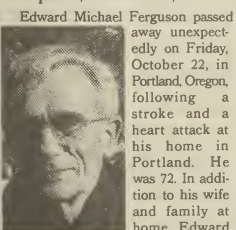
He is survived by his father, Andrew; brother, Michael; and sister Kathleen; all of Massachusetts; also, his good friends, John Hufnagle of Palm Springs and Gary Tillinghast of San Diego. His father, sister, and John were at his bedside when he made his transition.

Private services were held in Palm Springs the day following his death. Later, a larger memorial service was held in Massachusetts for the family. A beautiful quilt panel has been lovingly hand-sewn by his cousin.

His ashes were scattered by his friends in the desert, in San Francisco, and from the back of the Colossus Roller Coaster at Magic Mountain. ▼

### Edward M. Ferguson

April 20, 1921-Oct. 22, 1993



Edward Michael Ferguson passed away unexpectedly on Friday, October 22, in Portland, Oregon, following a stroke and a heart attack at his home in Portland. He was 72. In addition to his wife and family at home, Edward

leaves many devoted friends and a large adopted family in San Francisco.

Edward was born and educated in Portland. After high school, he attended Georgetown University and Columbia University, and he graduated from the University of Portland in 1947. He served as a Navy lieutenant in World War II with duty in the South Pacific. He was married in 1951, and settled in Portland, raising a large family, who were a constant source of joy in his life. He worked for many years in the insurance industry, and later he worked in Portland city government.

His arrival in San Francisco in 1981 ushered in a period of change and growth that was shared by many fellow travelers in recovery. During the 1980s, he showed his love and spiritual commitment by his extensive 12-step work and his volunteer work with Visiting Nurses/Hospice of San Francisco, Operation Concern and other agencies. He was active in Most Holy Redeemer Parish in the Castro.

A memorial mass will be held at Most Holy Redeemer on Saturday, December 11, at 11 a.m. Instead of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Visiting Nurses/Hospice of San Francisco, 1390 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. ▼

### Ken Francis

April 30, 1962-Nov. 10, 1993

At age 31, Ken made his transition peacefully and lovingly at home with his companion in Albany, California, near midnight on Wednesday.

Ken grew up in rural Detroit, Michigan. Later he pursued a Mormon mission and acquired elder status in Salt Lake City, Utah. Then he went on to seek a career in computer consulting in San Francisco. During this time he settled down with his partner, Adam.

Throughout Ken's adult life, his spirituality and the significance of his gay family played a major part. He believed that peace and love are eternal. Ken's character was spirited, dynamic, honest, hardworking, always friendly and cheerful. He was always helping friends and doing volunteer work for many organizations. He liked organizing things and always was moved by his initiative. He could find the good in everything and everyone. He continued to think of others first and foremost, even before himself. Ken shared his love abundantly, with all those who knew and loved him. I, among others, feel fortunate to have known and spent quality time with Ken.

A memorial service is being planned; for those interested in attending, please call Adam at (510) 524-4569. ▼

### Charles Albert Herrington July 24, 1942-Nov. 20, 1993

Charles Albert Herrington died in San Diego, California on Saturday, November 20, of AIDS-related complications. Charles was born on July 24, 1942, in Dallas, Texas, and shortly after his birth, his parents moved to California.

After graduation from Lowell High School in San Francisco in June 1960, he attended University of the Pacific from the fall of 1960 through the spring semester of 1962, when he transferred to Tulane University, New Orleans, La. Charles earned his B.A. at Tulane and received his M.A. in art history from the University of Wisconsin on January 24, 1970. He subsequently transferred to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he worked as a teaching fellow in the Art History Department while pursuing his doctoral studies in art history.

Charles moved to Washington, D.C., in 1972 and became chief of the Branch of Registration and architectural historian for the Heritage Conservation

and Recreational Services in the Department of the Interior and later became the acting keeper of the National Register until he was placed on disability in mid-October 1979. He soon relocated to San Francisco, and became active in the gay community, and served as a volunteer with the Shanti Project. Charles is survived by his father, Robert Herrington of San Diego, and many friends whom he acquired throughout the world and especially in Washington, D.C., and San Francisco. ▼

### Clifford Roberts Trypuc March 13, 1950-Nov. 12, 1993

Cliff died suddenly on November 12, of complications after surgery. Born and reared in Watertown, Conn., he was the son of the late Evelyn and Stanley Trypuc, brother of the late Stanley Trypuc Jr. and grandson of the late Clifford

Keys. He is survived by a step-grandmother, Thelma Keys of Watertown, Conn., and many friends in Watertown and Waterbury, Conn., Phoenix, Ariz., and San Francisco.

Cliff graduated from Watertown High School in 1968 and from the University of Connecticut in Storrs in 1972 with a degree in French. He spent his junior year abroad at the Universite de Rouen, in Rouen, France, and won several awards from the University of Connecticut, Universite de Paris and Universite de Rouen.

After college, Cliff worked for four years in Phoenix, Ariz., for American Express in their corporate accounts department. He then worked as a business analyst for Dun and Bradstreet Inc. and as a customer service representative for Union Oil of California in San Francisco. He last worked as ticketing supervisor for CharTours Inc., from 1984 until the time of his death. During the course of his work for CharTours, he was able to travel extensively, and his fluency with both French and Spanish was essential.

During his time in San Francisco, Cliff was an active member of the San Francisco Band Foundation in which he was an aide-de-camp. Also, he worked on a volunteer basis for many men's chorus and band events.

Per his request, Cliff's ashes are to be returned to his beloved Connecticut to be buried alongside his parents. Burial will be private with a memorial service planned in the spring in Connecticut.

There will be a gathering of his many friends from the Bay Area on December 4 at 3:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Club, 482 Castro St., San Francisco, CA. For further information, please call Mel Greene at (415) 550-7813. Contributions in Cliff's behalf may be sent to the Godfather Service Fund, 584 Castro St., #225, SF, CA 94114.

Goodbye, Daphne — we'll miss you! ▼

### George Bowman "Bo" Hartness Jr.

Aug. 20, 1956-Nov. 19, 1993

Today the heavens gained a brilliant star. The rest of us lost a part of ourselves and a most amazing individual. Like so many who have gone before, Bo was a lover, a friend, and a son. Like too many others, he died from AIDS complications.

If there is one word to describe Bo, it is charming. He had a great wit and was always ready with a quick line to make us laugh. His warmth and kindness will be missed by all his presence touched.

Bo was a well-known bartender in the community and one of the best! Fifteen years ago he tended bar at a little hot spot known as the Sausalito Inn, then on to Sutter's Mill when it was in the heart of the financial district. Next was the Mint on Market, then on to the final stop, the Castro Station.

At Christmas time each year, Bo and friends would host one of the best parties many would ever attend. The only requirement of the revelers was that they bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to Toys for Tots. Many did not know this was the single largest donation of toys the organization would receive each year.

Bo is survived by his mother, Isola; his father, George Sr.; his sister, Sherrerd Patterson; his lover, Victor Ponciano; his godchildren, "Little Bo" and Claire McNear; as well as many, many friends.

In fulfillment of Bo's wishes, there will be a memorial service on Angel Island Friday, Dec. 3. All who wish to attend must be at the Angel Island Ferry in Tiburon by 1 p.m. sharp! Thanks to the Calif. Dept. of Parks, we will have the entire island to ourselves. Everything is taken care of. For information, call 821-7729.

Memorial donations may go to the Angel Island Association, P.O. Box 866, Tiburon, CA 94920. In memory of Bo, a Christmas tree will be illuminated on top of Angel Island.

Farewell, beautiful friend. Your love, courage, and compassion will never be forgotten. ▼





## Obituaries

### John F. Hennessey Jr. 1940-1993

On Monday evening, November 22, John passed away peacefully after a two-year battle with the AIDS virus. John was an avid landscaper, landscaping homes and offices around the Bay Area until he moved to Phoenix, where he became the head landscaper for that city. After 10 years there, he and his partner, Michael Heisinger, who died in 1992, moved back to California. He was a longtime member of the MCC.

John is survived by his sister, Mary Hauet of Tokyo, and relatives in Chicago and California, many friends, and especially, his pets, Timmy and Smokey.

His memorial service will be held on December 4 at 1:45 p.m. at the MCCSF, 150 Eureka St. Donations in John's memory may be made to Eclipse (San Mateo County). He will be missed by all.

### Charles John Hiebl

Aug. 12, 1955-Nov. 15, 1993

Looking forward to being reunited with old friends, especially his lover, Scott Cochran, and father, Frank, Chuck found the quiet he sought at age 38.

Chuck had an infectious grin, a sharp mind, and a loving heart. He had the best jokes, delivered in rapid-fire succession. As an accountant, he could quickly calculate our losses at bingo, lotto, and blackjack. He bowled in the Wednesday Community League, and powered our team to first place one year and last the next. He was the proud owner of a Hyundai "dentmobile," a source of great amusement to us all.

His love left us with smiles and tear-filled eyes. Unconditional love came from his mother, Kathryn; brothers, Don and Rick; sisters-in-law, Ruth Ann and Susan; and cherished niece, Hayley; all from Kansas City. His local family included Tom, Don, Eric, Michael, Rhonda, Rosalind, Hugh and Richard.

A mass will be held at noon, December 4, at St. John of God Church, 1290 5th Avenue, San Francisco. Reception following at Kairos House. A longtime volunteer at Kairos and Open Hand, Chuck preferred contributions to them.

Chuck's ashes will be scattered in Hawaii by Hugh and Richard. Until we're together again, our dear friend, Mahalo! ▼

### Leo Lagura

Dec. 5, 1959-Nov. 22, 1993

Leo left this world suddenly, on Monday, November 22, after a short illness. We are still in shock and haven't yet felt the full measure of our grief. Leo was many things to all of us, and we loved him very much. He left behind his family in Stockton, Calif., and many, many friends in the Bay Area. There will be a gathering on Tuesday, December 7, at the Metropolitan Community Church from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For further information call Rebecca at (415) 558-9022. Leo, we miss you! ▼

### Kelly Rey Mellville

Sept. 16, 1957-Nov. 8, 1993

On November 8, our dear friend, Kelly Mellville, passed away peacefully aboard his motor vessel, "The Gannett." All who knew Kelly are sure that he is with the love of his life, David Perez, who also succumbed to AIDS, two years ago.

Kelly moved from his birthplace of Miles City, Montana, to become involved in the fire alarm business. He began his career at Pacific Auxiliary Fire Alarm Co. After working for P.A.F.A. for seven years, Kelly moved on to the challenging job of maintaining and installing the fire alarm system at U.C. Medical Center, San Francisco.

Kelly is remembered by his family and friends as a little bit "country," a lit-

tle bit "city," topped off with a little bit of "boating." He had a way of letting you know exactly what he expected and how he wanted it done.

"Captain Mellville, may your ship serve you well and may the seas be calm. You have enriched our lives with your friendship."

Kelly is survived by his grandmother, Crystal; his father, Speed; his mother, Diana; his brother, Dennis; his sister, Karen; and his nieces, Nicole and Jacinda. ▼

### Michael William Widger

April 11, 1957-Nov. 21, 1993



Charismatic, stubborn, romantic and goofy, Michael touched many hearts and lives. His interests were as diverse as he was creative. Deaf from the age of 12, he was anything but handicapped.

Michael lived as a "free spirit," with a stubborn zeal to enjoy life. To his end he controlled his destiny.

Michael is survived by Douglas Widger-Qualls; his close and devoted friend, Ed Mace; and his family, Jan, Ron, Lynette and Peter. And Roger. ▼

### Bradley "Mona" Haynes

Oct. 16, 1954-Nov. 16, 1993

Bradley was a troupier to the end.

He'll be greatly missed by his many friends. Brad attended the University of New Hampshire and was an art major. His work was a riot! Later he served in the New Hampshire House of Representatives for six years.

He moved to SF in the late '70s and found his passion in floral design. His housewife fantasies were fulfilled by cooking and cleaning for others.

Bradley had a love of the great outdoors, especially after midnight in Buena Vista Park! When not "backpacking" he was an active member of the SF Track and Field team, although none of his friends actually saw him complete a race. Bradley's evil, acidic sense of humor touched all his friends.

Brad was supported and loved by party girl "the ever-popular Miss Coco" (Jim); a granola kind of gal, Margaret; "dysfunctional" roommate Larry and the "Mrs.;" Sandy; and many other friends. Even though a pagan baby, god love him ... he was a bitch to the end! We love you. You'll never be forgotten, honey. ▼

### Nathan Oliva

November 7, 1993

Nathan Oliva, 36, born in San Jose, lived for ten years in San Francisco. He relocated to Houston for one year, also Miami and Boston for one year. He spent 22 years in Santa Ana, California. A customer service agent at British Airways, he died Friday, November 7,

and was buried at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Orange.

Nathan is survived by his mother, Rosie L. Oliva of Santa Ana; sister Joana Luna of Santa Ana; and brothers, Nathaniel, Isaac and Dennis, all of Santa Ana. ▼

### Obituary Policy

Due to an unfortunately large number of obituaries, the Bay Area Reporter has been forced to change its obituary policy. We must now restrict obits to 200 words. And please, no poetry. We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity, grammar, and taste. Write name of person on back of photo. If you include a stamped envelope to have the photo returned, please write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap. Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m. ▼

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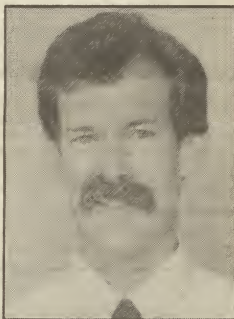


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### JEFF DOUTT

Mar. 30, 1947 - Nov. 7, 1993

My lover for the last 20 years and my best friend, Jeff Douth died at our home outside of Sebastopol in the early morning hours of November 7. Although Jeff's health had steadily declined over the last year, the crisis that brought on his death was sudden and unexpected. I do not know if Jeff has gone on to some other plane of existence. I only know that he has left me alone and aching for his presence on this one.



Jeff was born and brought up in the East Bay. He graduated with honors from U.C. Berkeley during the turmoil of the late sixties and went on to complete a PhD. there in agricultural economics.

I met Jeff at desperate hour in a popular bar on Castro Street during the holiday weekend in September 1973. A close bond developed so quickly between us that I always teased him that he was just a Labor Day trick who never went home. Two days after we met, Jeff started a new job as a lecturer in the Management Department at Sonoma State University. His success there prompted our move from San Francisco to Sonoma County in 1976.

Jeff's organizational abilities quickly propelled him into academic administration. He was elected to the chairmanship of the Management Department in 1976 and named Dean of the School of Social Sciences from 1980-86. Jeff was subsequently appointed as Dean of the School of Business and Economics in 1986, a department that was largely created through his efforts. He held that position until his disability retirement at the end of December 1992. At the time of these appointments, Jeff was the youngest department chair and dean ever to serve at the University.

One of Jeff's strongest interests was travel. Since 1979, He made annual trips to Europe and sometimes even more frequently. Jeff's interest in European life and culture provided the incentive for him to study and learn to speak French, Italian, and German. He had friends spread all over the continent with a significant concentration of them in Germany--a mutually favored destination for both of us. Jeff also liked travel to more remote places as well. He snorkeled in Fiji and climbed Ayers Rock in the Australian outback and Machu Picchu in the highlands of Peru.

After being stranded in a Dallas cowboy bar because he did not know how to two step, Jeff took up C&W dancing five years ago and became very adept. For several years, he and his dance partner Becky were frequently seen at the Rawhide II and the dance bars at the Russian River. As his health declined, Jeff regretted having to give up dancing almost more than anything else.

There has been widespread community recognition of Jeff's contributions to various human service agencies on which he served as a board member. Three years ago he was appointed by the County Board of Supervisors to serve on the Sonoma County Commission on AIDS. He acted as chairman of the Commission for the last two years up until the time of his death. In this role, he is credited for having successfully steered the organization through the state funding bureaucracies. Jeff was also very visible in the business sector as frequent guest speaker on the state of the economy.

Because of his visibility in the community, Jeff chose to make a public disclosure of his diagnosis of AIDS and his reasons for retirement from the University. As a result of this disclosure, a large number of straight and gay friends and colleagues came forward to form a support network. This group provided emotional and practical support for both of us. I would like to single out particularly the following members of that network without whose devotion I could not have made it through this ordeal with my dignity intact: Diane Brown, Jeff's former administrative assistant who expertly coordinated the support group; Becky Sorin, Jeff's dance partner who provided him with companionship that was very important to him; Brad Crowell and Gary Koehler who thought they were going to spend a restful weekend in the country, but who ended up dispensing care and comfort to both Jeff and me in his final hours.

There will be a memorial service held on December 11, at Sonoma State University. Contributions in Jeff's memory may be made to Face to Face in Santa Rosa or the Jeffrey T. Douth Endowment at SSU. For further information, please call (707)664-2377 or 664-2220.

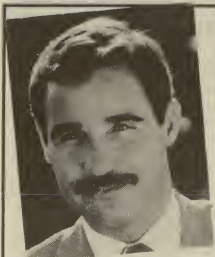
Jeff,

I miss you more deeply than I can express. My only consolation is knowing that nothing that lies ahead for me can ever hurt this much again. If you are somewhere up there and not having too much fun, think of me now and then. I will think about you and remember our love every day for the rest of my life.

Always,

Tom





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## Obituaries

### Victor C. Nash

April 23, 1955–Nov. 16, 1993

Victor passed away on November 16 after a long and courageous struggle with AIDS and related illnesses. Originally from Washington state, he moved to the Russian River area from San Francisco in 1986 and was employed locally

by AT&T in Santa Rosa, until his illness prevented him from working. Then he enjoyed his remaining time with traveling and spending time with his close friends.

He is survived, locally, by his many friends, including Doug, Rick, David, Connie, Sue, Adrian, Spider and Alan, to mention a few, and his former co-workers Kathy, Mary, Michael and many others, and his family in Washington and Alaska.

Victor will always be remembered for his kindness to all, his smile, and that handlebar moustache.

An informal tribute to Victor will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 1-5 p.m. in Santa Rosa. For further information contact Rick at (707) 523-3662. ▼

### Michael Tolson

November 3, 1993

Michael passed away on Nov. 3, 1993, after a three-year battle with AIDS. Born in Kansas City, Mo., he graduated from college with a degree in landscape architecture. He moved to San Francisco in the late '60s, where he met Roberto Campos

at a Gay Day parade. They enjoyed life and love together in SF during the '70s.

In 1981 they moved to Yuma, Arizona, and opened The Tropics Nursery. Life was good until Roberto died last year from complications from pancreatitis. Mike continued working in the nursery until he died.

Michael was a very spiritual and kind person. He never said a bad word about anyone or anything. He loved living, and his gentle kindness was felt by all who knew him.

At his side at his death were dear friends, Chuck and Danny of Yuma, along with his mother, father and two brothers.

Michael loved palm trees. When he heard about the palms on Market Street, he wanted to make one more trip to see them but it was not to be. Michael and Roberto Yin and Yang. They were the perfect match. And now they're together again ... ▼

### Martin Worman

November 25, 1993

Martin Worman passed away Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1993, from AIDS-related complications. He was 48 years old. Martin will be remembered as a pioneering gay theatre worker. He was a member of the San Francisco

genderbending group The Cockettes in the early '70s and co-founded with David Baker the Gay Men's Theater Collective. Together they created its award-winning play *Crimes Against Nature*.

His work with the Cockettes included lyrics for *Hot Greeks and Les Etoiles de Minuit*. In The Cockettes film, *Tricia's Wedding*, he played actor cum Senator George Murphy, and he played a Stanford University student in *Elevator Girls in Bondage*. Under the sobriquet of Philthee Ritz, he was called "the Cockette who could read." His doctoral dissertation, *Midnight Masquerade: The Fabulous Cockettes*, includes Sylvester's last interview, "A Dish Before Dying."

In the mid-'70s, his plays, *Legend in Sand* and *The Passion of Barbara Martinez*, were produced in San Francisco. As a lyricist he collaborated with Janice Sukaitis on the musical *Ricklets: A Day in the Life of the Counter Culture*. During this same time he teamed with pianist Scrumbley Koldewyn to create some of the Bay Area's most popular cabaret theatre. He also wrote the lyrics for *Broken Dishes*, a musical review featuring Dolores Deluxe and Amber Waves. Martin also directed *Divine*, *Kreemah Ritz*, *Mink Stole* and *Goldie Glitters in The Metronome Murders*. With San Diego's Carpenter's Children, he directed Noel Grieg's *Dear Love of Comrades*, about the life of early gay pioneer Edward Carpenter.

Martin pursued an academic career with Richard Scheckner at the Performance Studies Department at New York University. In 1991, he was associate professor of drama at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and was, at the time of his death, associate professor of theatre at Antioch College,

Yellow Springs, Ohio, where he directed his adaptation of Meridel Le Sueur's *The Prairie Girl*. He was known in academic circles as Dr. Queen and presented panels at academic conferences under the rubric "Dr. Queen's Drag Academy."

A Vietnam and Stonewall era veteran, Martin was a consummate theatre worker, a moral force in the politics of class and gender, and a man of wit and wisdom. He is survived by his mother, Rose Lefferts, and his sister, Dorothy Kirsch, both of Fair Lawn, NJ; and his longtime companions, Robert Croonquist of New York City and Michele Linfante of Sebastopol, Calif.; and a large family of relatives and friends. He will be missed by many.

Be well. Blessed be. We shall always love you, remember you, and be grateful to you. You are now with the angels "putting on the best show in town." Save us some seats or beam them down from heaven. ▼

### Randy Young

April 27, 1955–Oct. 15, 1993

Randy passed away Friday afternoon,

October 15, at his Los Angeles home. He died as he had lived, with impressive dignity and courage. A native of Maryland, Randy grew up near Washington, D.C. and came to Laguna Beach, California, in

1976. Blessed with a rich, powerful voice, Randy joined the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, where he twice served on the board of directors.

During a chorus tour of San Francisco, Randy met Stephen Martin of Boston. The two enjoyed the last four years of their lives together in San Francisco, until Stephen's death in September. Randy, a United Airlines employee since 1989, left work earlier this year due to AIDS-related illnesses.

Randy possessed a serious, yet playful, strongly spiritual and deeply caring soul. Passionate about positively motivating others, he found like-minded people at Glide Memorial Methodist Church's services and activities.

Randy leaves behind his parents, William and Iva; beloved half-brothers and half-sisters; devoted near and distant relatives; plus a rich roster of friends and co-workers in Southern and Northern California. Be at peace, Randy. ▼

## Milk

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The post-march program at City Hall also featured speakers, led by the Reverend Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Church and Rebecca Hensler of the new activist group FISH (Fighting Intolerance, Scapegoating, and Homophobia).

According to Den Bukowski, president of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club, the whole celebration was designed to give everyone a historical insight on what San Francisco's gay community is all about, plus a "unique coming together of the community, not seen in a long time."

### The chorus returns

The Milk assassination in 1978 also marked the beginning of another San Francisco institution, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. It was on that same fateful night that the chorus made its debut performance at the steps of City Hall. The SFGMC has come a long way since then. It was the groups' national tour in 1981 that inspired the

organization of other gay and lesbian choruses in the U.S. and other parts of the world. Today, notwithstanding a quarter of a million dollar debt resulting from this tour (which it has successfully paid off in recent years), SFGMC stands strong as a professional performing arts organization and a source of pride for San Francisco's gay community.

At the end of Saturday's candlelight march, with a giant rainbow flag hung from the balcony of the Mayor's Office as a backdrop, the chorus "re-enacted" its historic 1978 singing debut. SFGMC's current 150 singing members were joined by some 80 former members—including five who were part of the original group that sang the first time at the steps of City Hall. It was an extremely proud—although emotional—moment for the chorus, and a time to remember and honor its members—more than a hundred by now—who have died from AIDS.

Steven Prokasky would have wanted to be at the steps of City Hall on Saturday. Until recently, he was one of the last few surviving founding members of the chorus. Steven passed away Thursday, November 18, after a difficult battle with AIDS. In an interview for a recent

documentary about the chorus, Steven summed up what the SFGMC was about when it started 15 years ago: "Early on, what we were dealing with was centuries-old stereotypes and oppression of gay people, and the emphasis was on pride ... pride as lesbian and gay people, pride in putting out quality music." But with the onset of AIDS, that emphasis has changed. Steven has said that the role of the chorus evolved into a "healing, emotional, and loving role," because of the impact of the epidemic on its membership and the larger gay community.

Organizers of the candlelight memorial found it most fitting to include a performance by the SFGMC as a major component of this year's commemoration. The chorus was joined by the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Marching Band, which also led in the march. Co-sponsoring this year's event with the Harvey Milk Democratic Club were the Community Against Violence (CUAV), the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA), and the San Francisco Stonewall 25 Committee. The Castro Village Pharmacy volunteered to foot the bill for the lighting and sound system for the City Hall program. ▼



## Queer Watch



## Showing True Colors

by Michael C. Botkin

General Mundy, Marine Corps commander, has once again galvanized public opinion with his blunt-spoken sentiments, this time about African Americans. Mundy first came to national prominence as the Pentagon's point man in their recent campaign to keep gays out of the military. Mundy's remarkably successful efforts included distributing queer-bashing videos to all members of Congress and denouncing gay soldiers as corrosive to military discipline.

Not long after this triumph, Mundy again caught the public eye when he declared that henceforth the Marines would discourage marriage among the ranks. Married recruits would be rejected, and single Marines desiring marriage would be compelled to undergo mandatory "counseling" first (on the presumption that any man who wants to get married must be crazy?). Already married Marines would be gradually phased out, I guess. The rationale was similar to that offered for rejecting gays — married Marines are inferior soldiers, less dedicated to the corps and less likely to reenlist.

This time that argument failed to work. "They can't be gay, they can't be married. What are they supposed to do, take cold showers?" the pundits quipped. The outcry was so great that he had to back down.

But Mundy hasn't avoided taking his philosophy to its logical conclusions. During a recent 20/20 interview, he explained why "minority" soldiers are inferior to Anglos. Such breadth of bigotry comes as no surprise to most queers, but it appears to have shocked some who took Mundy's previous ravings at face value. Perhaps he'll soon propose resegregating the armed services. After all, America hasn't really won a war since desegregation, unless you count Korea.

### Special People

More true colors were revealed when Bill Rhodes, the executive director of the Polly Klaas foundation (organized to find the abducted 12-year-old girl from Petaluma), was forced to resign after his record as a convicted child molester came to light. Kinda

makes you wonder what kind of person gets into this missing children shtick, doesn't it? Last month Thomas Bidner, the much suspected but never convicted abductor and self-styled free-lance abduction investigator, offered his services to the Klaas foundation. Rhodes rejected the offer — at the time people assumed it was because of Bidner's murky record, but in retrospect, it probably had more to do with not wanting competition.

The Klaas foundation has been plagued by a plethora of frenzied support and a lack of any constructive way to use it. Money is easily raised, but what is it to be spent on? Seven million fliers — of dubious usefulness — have already been distributed, and the case has aired repeatedly on national TV real-crime shows. Some people wonder if this publicity doesn't put Polly at even greater risk of being murdered by her increasingly hunted abductor.

The funds do support a hotline, but its value is also questioned. Despite 200 calls

### Commentary

a day at the peak of the media blitz, not a single helpful clue has surfaced. Of course, no less than 25 percent of those calls were from self-described "psychics," so perhaps we shouldn't expect too much from them.

The foundation even attempted to give their surplus bucks to the local police, but were turned down. The police feared that it would look like they were for hire, as it were, to the highest bidder, and they're already being asked why the Klaas case is getting so much more attention and effort than other ongoing but less popular missing-child cases.

One thing they can usefully spend money on now is doing background checks on their volunteers. This common procedure had been recommended by the police but rejected by then director Rhodes (for what are now obvious reasons). After all, you don't want some weirdo answering the phones when those "psychics" call with the answer!

### The Wages of Sin

A panel convened by the Franciscan order of the Catholic Church has just con-

cluded that at least 34 boys were molested by no less than 12 priests at the now defunct Saint Anthony's seminary of Santa Barbara over a 30-year period. The report described a "variety of offenses including [but, we presume, not limited to] nude games, nude photographs, fondling, masturbation, oral copulation and examination of genitals under the pretext of hernia examinations."

Yup, give me that old-time religion! It sounds like more fun than a weekend at the Michael Jackson ranch.

Most of the boys were of "high school age," 14 to 17 years old, but one of the victims was as young as seven. Of the 12 priests found to have engaged in the molestation, only one was ever punished — a six-month sentence for oral copulation. Of the others, one left the order, one died "of natural causes" (AIDS is natural, isn't it?), and the others "are being treated by therapists." The seminary — "a boarding school for aspiring priests" — closed in 1987, so the panel's report comes just as the six-year statute of limitations on the prosecution of child molestation kicks in. How convenient!

The panel was part of the Catholic Church's national efforts to address widespread questions about its encouraging, tolerating, and shielding child molesters among the priesthood. The St. Anthony's case is a harbinger of what these efforts are likely to produce: some hand-wringing and lukewarm apologizing but no real restitution, retribution or significant change. St. Anthony's was already closed, the time limit expired on prosecution, the perpetrators long since dispersed — what's left to do except say a few "Hail Marys" and grant absolution to everyone involved?

A similar panel just acquitted Cardinal Bernardin of recent molestation charges. There is no reason to suspect that its members were influenced by the fact that all of them had been appointed by Bernardin just a few months before, but neither should one expect any harsh punishment from these "in-house" guardians. They answer to a higher authority — and apparently a much more lenient one. Things sure have changed since the days of the Spanish Inquisition! ▼



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## National News

# Gay Ban Gets Pentagon Discharged From NY Schools

by Kimberly Griffin

A ruling last week in New York State Supreme Court that bars military recruiters from a state law school is expected to have far-reaching effects throughout the entire state's colleges and law schools.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Diane Lebedeff ruled Thursday, November 16, that the State University of New York-Buffalo law school must abide by the governor's anti-discrimination executive order and bar recruiters from its campus as long as the military continues to enforce its ban on gays and lesbians.

Lebedeff's ruling in New York's trial court overturned a 1991 decision by the state's Division of Human Rights, which found that Governor Cuomo's 1983 executive order banning state agencies from

discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation did not apply to military recruiters.

Spokespersons for Cuomo and the State University of New York were unwilling to comment on how the state will respond to the ruling, which was issued in a case filed by a lesbian student at the State University of New York-Buffalo law school.

The Department of Defense will abide by the court's ruling, said Lieutenant Colonel Doug Hart, a Pentagon spokesman.

"We will abide by the courts and whatever the university wants," Hart said. "If the university doesn't want us on their campus, we will not be on the campus."

#### \$15.2 million at stake

In addition, he pointed out that under a 1984 Pentagon



New York Governor Mario Cuomo.

directive, universities that do not allow recruiters on campus are ineligible for Department of Defense funds. According to a brief filed by SUNY in the lawsuit, the department provided \$15.2 million in research funding to the university system in 1991.

Although the military ban itself was not at issue in the lawsuit, the court's decision is being hailed as "one more voice being raised against the ban," said Evan Wolfson, senior staff attorney at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which represented the student.

Justice Lebedeff wrote in her opinion, "As a result of the school's policy and practices, gay and lesbian law students have been offered fewer placement opportunities than heterosexual students," Lebedeff wrote in last week's decision. "They have suffered stigma, humiliation, and the loss of professional and educational benefits as a result of defendants' unlawful conduct."

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals became the highest court yet to denounce the ban as "irrational" and "unconstitutional." A three-judge panel ruled that Navy Midshipman Joe Steffan be reinstated to the military and be given his diploma from the Naval Academy, from which he was expelled six weeks prior to graduation.

"Five courts in the past few months have held that military discrimination against gay people is irrational, unconstitutional, and just plain un-American," said Beatrice Dohrn, Lambda's legal director.

In addition to its significance in the context of the military ban, the court's decision was important for its strengthening of the scope of New York state's executive order, Wolfson said.

"This puts real teeth in the order, making it a weapon any individual in the state can use even against bureaucrats within the governor's own control," he said.

Should the state decide to appeal the decision, Cuomo would essentially be put in the position of fighting in court to prevent an agency from enforcing his own executive order.

"That makes no sense from somebody who's supposed to be committed to lesbian and gay civil rights and opposed to the military ban," Wolfson said. ▼

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## ...But NY Schools Are Still Being Pushed Around by Fundies

*Anti-Sex Forces, State Ed Commissioner, Square Off over AIDS*

by Tom Murnane

ALBANY, NEW YORK (UPI) — The State Board of Regents has postponed the vote on a controversial AIDS education manual, at least until next January.

The proposed manual, which would be distributed to schools across the state, is a revision of one developed last

year but scrapped after religious groups complained it did not stress abstinence as the best way to avoid contracting the AIDS virus.

But last week State Health Commissioner Mark D. Chassin criticized the new version because it emphasized abstinence at the expense of providing people already having sex with the information they

need to reduce the risk of catching AIDS.

State Education Commissioner Thomas Sobol defended the prominent role that abstinence has been given in the updated manual.

"It has been the clear policy of the Board of Regents for some time now to stress abstinence foremost as the only surefire way of prevent-

ing the contraction of that disease," Sobol said.

Regents Chancellor Carlos Carballada said that while the Regents favor abstinence, the Board was still willing to consider the complaints that surfaced this week.

Chassin said that he was pleased with the delay. "The

proposal needs a more comprehensive and balanced approach," he said.

Sobol said the vote on the guide cannot be held before January because the Regents' next meeting, scheduled for December, will take place before the 30-day public-comment period is complete. ▼

## Expanded Kidporn Definition Gets One Step Closer to Reality

United Press International

WASHINGTON — As expected, the Justice Department has sent a draft for a new, broader child pornography law to the White House — legislation put together on President Bill Clinton's orders.

The contents of the draft are not being made public, but a Clinton administration official said, under condition of anonymity, that it tries to clear up ambiguities in the present law.

Last-minute changes to the draft were considered on Tuesday, November 16, but were rejected that afternoon.

The draft will be channeled through the Office of Management and Budget — a traffic cop of sorts for admin-

istration proposals sent to Capitol Hill — and will then be sent to Congress, where it's expected to be on an extremely fast track.

The touchy issue has sent at least two branches of government scurrying for cover recently.

### Porn with no nudity

After the Justice Department recommended that a child pornography case involving no nudity be reheard by an appeals court on narrower grounds — and a defendant's conviction upheld on those narrower grounds — conservative and fundamentalist groups mounted a nationwide campaign against the administration.

Two weeks ago, the Senate voted unanimously for a

non-binding resolution calling on the Justice Department to interpret the current law in a broader fashion.

Last Thursday, Clinton took the unprecedented step of saying he agreed with the Senate, and publicly ordered Attorney General Janet Reno to come up with new legislation that would support a broader interpretation.

Some civil libertarians are concerned that the law proposed by Clinton will be too broad. Since the statute specifically labels pictures of fully-clothed children as pornography, it may enable overzealous prosecutors to file kiddie porn charges against anyone who possesses clothing catalogues or any other material where such photos are printed. ▼

## Bernadin Responds to Allegations

*PWA's Lawsuit Is*

*Third Against the Cardinal This Year*

United Press International

CHICAGO — On Wednesday, November 24, attorneys for Cardinal Joseph Bernardin filed a response to a suit by a Philadelphia man who accused the cardinal of sodomizing him in the mid-1970s.

The response was filed in federal court in Cincinnati in a \$10 million sexual abuse suit by Steven Cook, 34, who is dying of AIDS.

Earlier this month, Cook accused Bernardin and another priest of sexually abusing Cook when he was a teenager and while Bernardin headed the Cincinnati archdiocese. Cook said he did not file suit earlier because he had repressed memories of the incidents.

It was unclear whether the suit could be pursued. Ohio law reportedly prohibits minor victims of molestation who claim repressed memories from pursuing suits once they turn 20. The suit, however, was filed in federal court, not state court.

In a statement released by the Archdiocese of Chicago, Bernardin said he wants the case adjudicated as quickly as possible.

"I feel it is important to re-

solve this matter as quickly as possible," Bernardin said. "Further, this filing gives me an opportunity to state under oath what I have said many times, that I am innocent of these charges."

Bernardin has retained the politically connected law firm of Mayer, Brown and Platt to represent him, with the help of the firm of Frost & Jacobs. Both law firms have said they would take the case free of charge.

### Orgy, Satanism charges

Bernardin has denied any wrongdoing and said he does not even remember Cook.

At a news conference the day the suit was filed, Bernardin said he has always led a chaste and celibate life.

Although most news reports have implied Cook's suit is unique, in fact it is the third accusation of impropriety lodged against the cardinal this year. The earlier charges involved an alleged orgy and satanic rites.

Bernardin came to Chicago from Cincinnati in 1982 to shore up the church's image in the wake of alleged monetary improprieties by his predecessor, Cardinal John Cody. ▼

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# Holes in the Holy War

by Al Kielwasser

On Friday, November 19, PBS aired an hour-long segment of *Bill Moyers' Journal* titled "The New Holy War," which looked at efforts by fundamentalist leaders to oppose equal rights for lesbian and gay people. The report, which was produced and directed by Gail Pellett and written by Pellett and Moyers, focused specifically on Colorado Springs, where many organizations in the Religious Reich are headquartered.

To his credit, Moyers interviewed a handful of lesbian and gay Colorado citizens. However, Moyers gave a wider range of fundamentalists considerable time to explain their heterosupremacist views, which they presented with all the polish that expensive market testing and forensic training can provide. Although Moyers gently challenged the speakers to justify some of their points, he did not refute their many distortions, misleading statements, and outright lies. In fact, he offered no evaluation of the two "sides" whatsoever. Viewers who don't know better may have believed the misinformation presented in this program, and anti-gay viewers must have felt vindicated and affirmed in their beliefs.

Though Moyers did not know it, many of his featured bigots quoted directly from "Medical Consequences of What Homosexuals Do," a widely-distributed and outrageously deceptive pamphlet produced by Paul Cameron (a quack "psychologist" who has lied to several U.S. courts and who also has been roundly condemned by the American Psychological Association, American Sociological Association, and other professional associations). Among other "facts," the pamphlet states: "The rectum was not designed to accommodate the fist (or little gerbils), and those who do so can find themselves consigned to diapers for life." Unfortunately, Moyers never got around to taking a close look at that pamphlet or other key sources of fundamentalist misinformation.

Send your comments to *Bill Moyers Journal*, c/o Jennifer Lawson, Executive Vice President, National Programming and Promotions, PBS, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314, tel. 703-739-5000.

For a copy of "Medical Consequences of What Homosexuals Do," write to Family Research Institute, P.O. Box 2091, Washington, DC 20013, tel. 203-690-8536.

## Everybody Say "Mitsou"

A new music video by Mitsou, "Everybody Say Love," features two men in military uniforms holding hands and hugging, two naked men in erotic wrestling positions, and the star Mitsou being embraced by two attractive, kissing women. The song has been released as a single in the U.S., so request it at your local music store or dance club. Also, drop a line to MTV and ask the network to put the

video into heavy rotation. Write to MTV Networks Inc., 1515 Broadway, New York NY 10036.

## New Survey of "Ex-Gays"

A recent issue of *The Standard* (a newsletter published by Exodus International, the infamous ministry for "ex-gays") calls upon readers to participate in a survey "comparing individuals comfortable with their homosexuality to those seeking to change their orientation." Obviously, Exodus International wants to ensure that any survey results are skewed to reflect a deeply homophobic bias; this is a strategy used by many "ministries" that recruit people into an unhealthy heterosexual lifestyle.

The dubious survey is being conducted by a graduate student and a professor at Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego. To share your thoughts with the researchers call 619-221-2574, or write to "Pace Maker," Recann Hyde, Point Loma Nazarene College, 3900 Lomaland Dr., San Diego, CA 92106.

## Sony's Out

The Sony Corporation of America will be the next major advertiser to buy space in *Out* magazine (Apple recently bought a two-page spread to promote the company's Powerbook computer). Sony will begin advertising in the December/January issue of *Out*. As always, the homophobes are expected to swamp Sony with postcards warning the company about the evils of supporting "the gay agenda." Send supportive comments to John Heenan, Sony Corporation of America, 1 Sony Drive, Park Ridge, NJ 07656-8003. Send copies of your correspondence to Harry Taylor, Account Manager, *Out*, The Soho Building, Suite 800, New York, NY 10019, fax 212-334-9227.

## Radio Activity

This month, three Bay Area radio stations featured the queer sounds of Romanovsky & Phillips. On November 10, Alex Bennett (Live 105) hosted Romanovsky & Phillips on his morning show, during which the performers sang two songs ("When Heterosexism Strikes" and "Queers in the Closet"). Romanovsky & Phillips next appeared November 16 on KSFO. Host Peter B. Collins played a few of their songs and talked with the duo about their experiences as "out performers."

Finally, Wild 107's Mancow hosted Romanovsky & Phillips during his morning show on November 17. This time, the singers performed their version of the Army's propaganda theme song, "Be All That You Can Be."

Comments may be sent to: •KITS-FM ("Live 105"), 730 Harrison Street, Suite 300, S.F., CA 94133, tel. 415-512-1053, fax 415-777-0608. •KSFO-AM, 300 Broadway, S.F., CA 94133, tel. 415-398-5600, fax 415-391-5464. •KSOL-FM ("Wild 107"), 55 Green Street, S.F., CA 94111, tel. 415-391-1077, fax 415-616-5700. ▼

We must confront homophobia in order to cure it! To notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation of any defamatory media coverage, or to request GLAAD membership information, write to GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro Street, Suite B, San Francisco, CA 94114. Call our main office at 415-861-4588; fax, 415-861-4893; South Bay, 408-235-0229; East Bay, 510-273-9146; North Bay, 415-647-3055. ▼

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## LEGAL NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
In the Matter of the Application of JOHN ALFONZO GRASHOF-FERNANDEZ, a minor by his parent Maria del Carmen Fernandez, Petitioner, for a Change of Name and a New Birth Certificate  
Case No. 955655 (ccp 1277a)  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
WHEREAS Maria del Carmen Fernandez, petitioner, as parent of applicant John Alfonso Grashof-Fernandez, a minor has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing applicant's name from (No Given Names) Fernandez-McKeller to John Alfonso Grashof-Fernandez.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above matter appear in Department 1 of this Court, located at 450 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, on December 8, 1993 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name, and insertion of the father's name should not be granted.  
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:  
1. A copy of this order to show cause be published in the *SAN FRANCISCO REPORTER*, a newspaper of general circulation printed in San Francisco County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.  
November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 1993.  
November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 1993.  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 179594

The following person is doing business as THE LITTLE GARDEN, 55 Rondel Place, San Francisco, CA 94103. THOMAS D. JENNINGS, 55 Rondel Place, San Francisco, CA 94103.  
Registrant commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date October 1, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed TOM JENNINGS  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on October 5, 1993.  
November 17, 25, December 2, 9, 1993.  
L-179594

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 180838

The following person is doing business as DOES YOUR MOTHER KNOW, 4079 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114; NEIL GELINEAU, 111 Cowwin Street #4, San Francisco, CA 94114.  
Registrant commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date November 10, 1993. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed NEIL GELINEAU  
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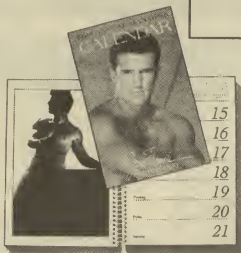
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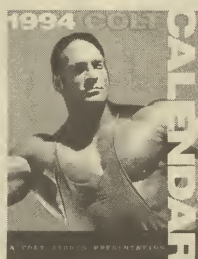
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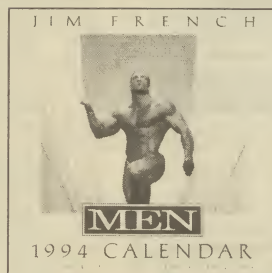
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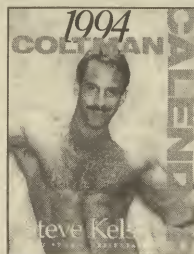
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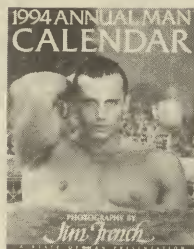
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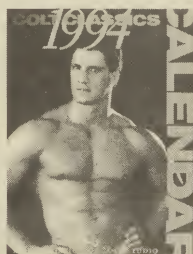
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'Out There' Doesn't Fully Translate to Electronic Medium

# Laughing On the Outside

by Alan Frutkin

Isn't it great to see gay people telling the jokes, instead of being the butt of them? That's what comic Lea DeLaria asks as host of Comedy Central's first lesbian and gay comedy special, *Out There*.

And the answer is yes. It is great. But is it funny? Well, yes and no.

The program fails to capture all the excitement of its two live October tapings at the Great American Music Hall. One of the principal problems is that the cameras tend to magnify some of the comics' rougher edges. In other instances, jokes that were embraced by the Music Hall's crowd don't always translate well to the small screen. And, as well, some of the jokes simply aren't funny.

*Out There* airs on Cable's Comedy Central Friday night at 10 p.m. The show is a one-hour special that blends stand-up comedy, musical re-

vue and theatrical sketches. Filmed cameo appearances and statements of gay support by such celebrities as Bea Arthur and Sir Ian McKellen are also featured. Yet, despite all this variety and enthusiasm, the final cut still falls flat.

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Comedy Central's Mark Davis, left, Marga Gomez, right, and the ineffable Lea DeLaria.

### Reductive

Take DeLaria for instance. There is no doubt that she is the breakthrough comedian of the lesbian and gay community. Part Kaye Ballard, part Redd Foxx, she is both dirty and smart. But the role of emcee limits her edited performance to scripted jokes and introductions of other comics. Within those confines, you don't see her natural quick wit in action, the spontaneity with which she responded to the often chaotic start-and-stop pace of the actual taping. Of all the show's

performers, DeLaria seems the most comfortable on camera — which is not to say the others aren't funny. They're just less polished.

Suzanne Westenhoefer kicks off the program with a strong set of stand-up comedy. Graced with cheerleader good looks, and a gang moll's voice, Westenhoefer delivers a particularly funny S&M bit. But sometimes, she punctuates her jokes with exclamatory hand gestures — fists in the air, victory shuffles, the kind of thing more commonly seen at sporting events. And

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Lesbian Visibility in  
'Death on Heels'

## Femmes to the Forefront

by Kate Bornstein

The straight world is busy drooling over lesbian chic and claiming they discovered it, but lesbian chic is what we've known all along as high femme.

Femmes have been largely invisible in both lesbian and straight culture. In the former, femmes are looked down upon for "passing as straight." In straight culture, femmes are viewed as "really wanting a man, anyway." There's very little respect for these women, but that's starting to change. Today, the femme voice is being heard more and more in the arts.

*The Well of Horniness*, written by the reigning queen of high femmes, that tantalizing top, Ms. Holly Hughes, is currently enjoying a well-deserved extended run through December 18 in Theatre Rhino's Studio. *Horniness* chronicles the plight of several high femmes. The production is highly polished, vastly amusing, and it's worth seeing twice — both for the performances and to catch all the nuances of Hughes' language.

### New Femmes in Town

But wait ... just when you thought it was safe to go out on the streets without your makeup immaculate, a new group of young high femme theatre artists has hit town, and their work is good! *Death on Heels* is a strong, if not entirely polished, evening of young femme voices.

What I found intriguing about the evening of song, dance, and monologue was the wide diversity of femme experience portrayed here. April Miller is billed as a lesbian torch singer, and she conveys an endearing innocence, even a shyness, in contrast to the torch songs she sings, while LMNOP Dance trades heavily in high femme fury for their number. Sarah Brown performs a solo piece called *Taking Off Madonna's Clothes*, a femme dyke's fantasy affair with Madonna.

*Death on Heels* is as if Judy Garland turned to Ginger Rogers, gave her a long, deep kiss, and said, "Gee, we've got a barn; let's put on a show!" These are all new voices struggling to find a way to say, "Wake up, femmes are here!"

### Better and Better

Jessica Patton reads her short story, "The Night I Met Clarity Wild," which humorously chronicles a young femme dyke's meeting porn

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"Jason" models a tattoo by Mandy Flynn, derived from Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*. (Photo: Daniel Nicoletta)

## Legendary Fabulist Has Walked On The Wild Side

## Dear Mr. Sendak...

by Mark Freeman

A young fan once wrote Maurice Sendak, creator of America's most famous children's book, *Where the Wild Things Are*, to ask: "How much does it cost to get to where the wild things are?" If it is not too expensive, my sister and I want to spend the summer there. Please answer soon.

What I want to ask Mr. Sendak is whether or not he's aware that gay men are running around with tattoos of Max, the wolf-suited terror who yells "No!" from that first big hit?

Sendak once admitted to *Village Voice* oracle Nat Hentoff, "I was miserable as a kid. I couldn't make friends, I couldn't play stoopball terrific and I couldn't skate. I stayed

home and drew pictures. You know what they all thought of me: sissy Maurice Sendak."

Later discovered window-decorating in a Manhattan department store, Sendak started illustrating children's books for Ruth Krauss (*A Hole Is to Dig*) and Elsa Holmelund Minarik (the *Little Bear* series). After that came illustrations for the Hans Christian Anderson stories and others for the United Synagogue Commission.

### Rosie and Pierre

In the early '60s, Harper & Row published *The Sign On Rosie's Door*, the first book he both wrote and illustrated, and *The Nutshell Library*, four perfectly charming micro-sized books. In them, we met two characters who would return in various guises over the next three

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## OutThere

### The Annals of Queerdom

by Orland Outland

Blink and you missed Boy George's recent promotional appearance in the Castro. Never one to turn down a chance to dish fellow, er ... performer George Michael, the Boy had choice words to say about Michael's appearance in court during his suit against Sony (Michael is trying to get out of his recording contract with Columbia/Sony): "Did you see those glasses she was wearing? She must have gotten them from the National Health. She needs to get out of that contract so she can make enough money for a pair of decent glasses." Ms. O'Dowd is an expert on glasses, having appeared in an LA Eyeworks ad. P.S.: Michael told the court he'd made a "vast" amount of money in his recording career.

Gaggles of gay grooveieisie gushed at George: "You were RuPaul before RuPaul was!" To which George responded graciously, "Yes, and I didn't have to wear a girdle that tight." Now, is that any way to talk about Mrs. Paul, especially when you're about

to guest on her Christmas show? That Christmas special has been sold to Britain's Channel Four but is still being shopped around the States.

Do you know a good drag queen when you see one? Check out the *Girlfriend!* 1994 calendar, available at A Different Light for \$6.95. Not only does this calendar give you a different dragster each month, but all the monthly missies are local girls, including Miss X, Betty (Veg-O-Matic) Pearl, door diva and Enrique ingenue D'Arcy, failed Presidential candidate but Undisputed Queen of the Universe Joan Jett Blakk, the fabulous Justin Bond, Glamamore (you haven't lived until you've seen her do "Powwow") and Veronica Klaus (a real woman, but she didn't used to be, so it's okay). Get it now and put it up in a prominent place, before somebody gets ideas and buys you that Fabio calendar for Xmas.

Life in These United States of Desire: Yours Truly



Cute-as-a-button Betty Pearl (who achieved local notoriety over that hamster incident a while back) takes to the courts in the photo above. Note to Betty: Nair works wonders on hirsute forearms.

(Photo: Alexander Fazekas-Paul)

is not a patron of the sex clubs (I can't pee with an audience) but friends have attended recent trouble spots and come back to kiss and tell. Mike's Night Gallery is described as "bright. It's bright in there." And speaking of bright lights and sex clubs, I wasn't the only one whose calls KTVU didn't return; *Bay Times* columnist St. Clair Adams noted that he, too, called about their coverage of the sex club story and didn't receive a call back. Now when I see those ads for KTVU's 10:00 News, where that hospital representative talks about the station's news department calling her at "ten minutes to ten, five minutes to ten," to get the facts right ... well, I just have to laugh!

Yours truly will be among the "Hollywood Insiders" at a local screening next week of TriStar's *Philadelphia*. Of course, we've been asked not to review the film until it comes out, which of course we'd never do. Here's how any infotainment reporter worth the name "Hollywood Insider" handles that dilemma: when you read in an entertainment mag that "early buzz is good" or "insiders predict box-office disaster," that's code for "I saw this and it was/wasn't good, but I can't say that yet." P.S. - from what I hear from genuine insiders, early buzz is that *Philadelphia* is very, very good.

SF Weekly's film clipper Michael Fox announced last week that the Golden Gate Bridge will be partially closed to accommodate filming of *Interview With The Vampire*. But remember, you read that here first. Fox wouldn't name



Motorcycle mama D'Arcy (Miss March on the *Girlfriend!* Calendar) rides her hog in this provocative photo.

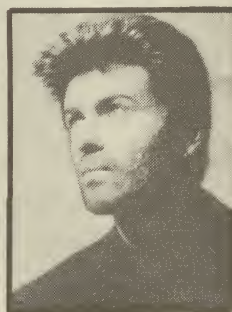
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the date on which filming will take place, saying he was "sworn to secrecy," but that it would be "soon, very soon." Why swear him to secrecy? The date is a matter of public record, since Geffen/Warner had to file a permit application with the city. However, they only had to do this a few days in advance of the actual filming. The filming took place Tuesday night, past this column's deadline. Of course by the time you read this I'll have haunted the location, and will bring you all the news unfit to print in next week's column.

Actor Donovan Leitch was at the New York premiere of Robert De Niro's *A Bronx Tale*. According to *Us*, he'd taken time out from writing music for his band, Nancy Boy, to make the party. Leitch explained the band's name to *Us*: "It was a '30s name for sissy." Yes, that explains the meaning of the name, but not Leitch's choice of it...

From Janet Charlton's column in the *Star*: "Designer Calvin Klein ordered an \$80,000 Viper car, and its recipient is a mystery. Some think the hot wheels could be a goodbye gift for Marky Mark, since Marky's controversial Klein underwear contract won't be renewed." But as George Wayne noted a month ago in *Paper*, model Warren Major (he's John Major's nephew) "is said to be getting a lot of Calvin's attention of late."

Richard Glatzer's film *Grief*, an audience favorite at this year's Gay/Lesbian Film Festival, has been chosen by the prestigious Sundance Film Festival as one of only 16 invited entrants in the Drama category. The announcements were made last week in *Variety*... Blind item: Gus knows chicken. (No, not Bean) ... Lack of imagination: Giants superstar Will Clark went to Texas, and nobody in town thought to head their story "Giants Free Willy" ... ▼



Before Ru Paul (center) was the uncorseted Boy (left), who recently dished his fellow George, Old Four Eyes (right).

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## Film

### Local Talent Shines in Fifth French Lesbian Film Festival

# French Dykes Like Yank Pics

by Erin Blackwell

While lesbians around the world are at the forefront of the great social causes of our time, such as vegetarianism and recovery, in France dykes are real die-hards when it comes to giving up *politiquement incorrecte* pastimes, smoking, eating, drinking. So it was that last month's Fifth Annual Lesbian Film Festival in Paris, took place in a sea of wine (less expensive per glass than coca-cola) on an island of tarts and under a sky of smoke.

An art house cinema, La Clef, was home to 700 visibility-starved *gouines* (dykes, pronounced goo-oens) who came from the five corners of France to eat, drink, smoke, watch movies from noon to midnight and schmooze during four fabulous days of "non-stop, non-mixte (menless) film and video projection. In addition to two theaters, La Clef offered a large salon where visual artists exhibited paintings and sculpture, the Belgian lesbian bookstore, Artemis, sold books in English and French, much quiche was eaten and many dates made.

bians who were apparently ready to take to the streets. In the midst of what seems like endless French lesbian-feminist doldrums, this was indeed a joyous noise. If the French can overcome their fear of the possible loss of cultural identity represented by taking inspiration from an American model, there could be a Paris chapter of *Les Justicières Lesbiennes* before the year is out. In any event, just about everybody who got the message agreed: having flown to everybody else's rescue, it's high time lesbians went into the social justice business for themselves.

Fatale videos' *How To Female Ejaculate*, was the comedy sleeper of the festival. Originally scheduled to be shown only once — after much heated debate about the propriety of showing it at all — *Ejaculate* so delighted the sometimes squeamish dykes that the organizers found themselves obliged to bring back the onscreen ejaculations by popular demand.

A guided tour of sexual anatomy, featuring San Fran-



Pucker Up: Karen Everett in her film, *Framing Lesbian Fashion*.  
(Photo: Phyllis Christopher)

cisco's own Fanny Fatale as the Jane Fonda of genital aerobics, *Ejaculate* is a strangely successful mix of burlesque, consciousness-raising and clinical gynecology. While some spectators complained of the narcissism inherent in learning to expel fluid from one's urethral sponge on command, others were disgusted by the displaying of womanflesh like so much *charcuterie* (cold cuts). Nevertheless, the majority gave it up to the amusing spectacle of Americans taking the subject as far as it would go without letting emotions get in their way. At the very least, *Ejaculate* gave the French plenty to talk about, and Goddess knows they like (almost) nothing better.

#### Karen Everett Shines

San Francisco was done proud by Karen Everett's *Framing Lesbian Fashion*, an overview of *la mode lesbienne* that included such yank exotica as piercing, S/M and cross-dressing. Barbara Hammer's *Nitrate Kisses* afforded a much-appreciated view of the body erotic after the age of 40 and some genius-quality filmmaking.

Despite the warm reception given to U.S. imports, the festival organizers remain firmly committed to the production of French lesbian film and video. Marie-Joseph Devillers, the organizers' organizer, admitted to being disappointed with the films

available to the festival. "Anglo-Saxon films are fine," she said, "but they fail to reflect my experience. A lesbian in a Latin country doesn't confront the same reality, can't be visible as a lesbian in the same way. Latin countries are more macho and there's less tolerance for everything that is gay."

To remedy the gap between the French lesbian life as lived and filmed, the festival has launched a screenwriting contest, which will lead to the production of a fictional short subject. If the 30-member volunteer festival staff gets as good at producing films as they are at

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putting on a first-rate cultural event, they'll soon be giving dyke Hollywood a run for its cultural imperialism. ▼

#### Verbal Jousting

Adjacent to all this hubbub was a room reserved for that mysterious French ritual known as the *debat*. For this rhetorical parlor game of musical soap-boxes everyone present is invited to theorize out loud and take personal offense at what she's misunderstood as an affront to her intellectual integrity. When participants don't leave a *debat* radiant — proof positive that the French Cartesian spirit has triumphed over the chaos of reality — they go off to pout.

Ingrid Renard, the debate's organizer heroically refereed the sometimes volatile discussions on such perennial topics as sexuality, activism, age and disability. She was also responsible for the simultaneous translation into sign-language of several films, a festival first. Sophie Russell, a bilingual American in Paris involved in deaf-rights activism, was among those who signed.

The big surprise of the festival was not the strong presence of English language film and video, a geopolitical-cultural grudgingly make the best of, but the enthusiastic response to two U.S. topics of concern which might easily have left the Frenchies as cold as properly chilled Sauternes: direct action politics and female ejaculation.

Su Friedrich and Janet Baus' *The Lesbian Avengers Eat Fire Too*, an overview of a year's worth of political activism by the New York City-based group, packed several houses with whooping les-

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## Opera

# Singing Legend Leonie Rysanek Gives Final SF Performances

# Final Curtain

by Paul Thomason

When Leonie Rysanek made her American debut in San Francisco on September 18, 1956, it was the beginning of an intense love affair between the Viennese soprano and an adoring public. Almost 40 years later, Rysanek is still going strong, but her current performances at the War Memorial Opera House as the Countess in Tchaikovsky's *The Queen of Spades* are her farewell to local audiences.

While talking with the soprano recently — she looks 15 years younger than her actual 67 years — it became obvious how Rysanek has managed to build such an adoring public. She radiates an irresistible combination of genuine warmth, candor and, of course, that fabled Viennese charm.

"My career is so unbelievable," Rysanek said in her dressing room after a recent rehearsal. "If anybody had told me when I was 30 or 35 that I would have a debut in Houston at 67 (which she did last month in Strauss's *Elektra*) I would have said, 'You are crazy! I'll be dead by then!'"

### Glamorous Roles

Her debut role in San Francisco was Senta in Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*, and a few days later she sang another part with which she will always be identified, Sieglinde in *Die Walkure*. In that cast was another young soprano making her U.S. debut, Birgit Nilsson.

"Three parts it was very difficult to say goodbye to," she explained in broken English. "Senta, Sieglinde, and the Empress (in Strauss's *Die Frau ohne Schatten*). But I knew I had to. Today I could still sing an almost flawless Sieglinde." She paused a second, then emphasized honestly, "Almost. But I said, 'My God, you're over 60. You cannot play on stage with a Siegmund who could be your grandson, and he's supposed to be your twin brother!'"

But does her actual age really matter, as long as she continues to look and sound like Sieglinde?

"I am too proud! I know how old I am," she replied.

But what if the theatrical magic is still there?

"I'm not the others!" Rysanek snapped, eyes blazing. "I am Leonie Rysanek. And I am very proud that I had the courage to say no."

### Callas Understudy

Fortunately for local audiences Rysanek did not say "no" during her second season with the SF Opera when the company suffered a rash of cancellations. Engaged to sing the title roles in *Turandot* and *Ariadne*, she took over for Maria Callas in Verdi's *Macbeth*, a work she had only sung in German. "I learned it in Italian in two weeks," Rysanek explained in her famous husky speaking voice, obviously enjoying the memory. "Then (Italian soprano Antonietta) Stella cancelled *Ballo* and (General Director Kurt Herbert) Adler came to me and said, 'Now you have to sing *Ballo*.' I said,

'Yes, but only in German.'" So while her colleagues performed Verdi's opera in Italian, Rysanek sang in her native German. "Can you imagine? And I'm still here," she said, laughing heartily.

She also sang one performance of *Aida* that season, taking over for a young singer who was doing the role for the first time, Leontyne Price.

Her colleagues Nilsson and Price, and many others, have long since left the operatic stage, yet Rysanek, who made her debut in 1949, continues to thrill audiences around the world. But it is not the length of her career for which she will be remembered, as much as it is the intense emotion she generates, on both sides of the footlights.

"I don't know how I do it. I think what I always did was to have total devotion, singing at the Met or in the littlest theater, it made no difference. When I go on stage, something clicks. It must, because I never do anything intentionally. I go on stage and absolutely 'transfigure.' It does it."

This gift of moving audiences in a deep cathartic way, was apparently always Rysanek's. "When I read reviews from the very beginning people always said, 'How moving she is, how touching she is.' A lot of them said, 'She overdoes it,' the soprano added with a grin.

Though Rysanek has excelled in a wide repertoire (singing in six different languages), she is perhaps most closely identified with the operas of Richard Strauss. In fact, she has sung 11 roles in 8 of his operas (surely a record) and is the only soprano in history to have performed all three major female roles in *Elektra*. Rysanek never met the composer, who died the year of her debut, but after one of her *Salome*'s the composer's son told her, "Father must have dreamed of a voice like yours, warm, rich and with brilliance on top."

"If you don't have the top forget it," she exclaimed. "Strauss is a murderous composer. But if you have it, he is much easier to sing than Wagner, much easier than Verdi or Puccini."

### Low Point

Despite the enormous success Rysanek has enjoyed, her career has had its low points, especially during one period in the mid '60s when she almost left the stage. She credits Sir Rudolph Bing, then General Manager of the Metropolitan Opera, with keeping her going during that particularly bad time.

"My marriage was on the rocks and I'm a very easily depressed person. I wanted to stop singing but Bing said, 'Are you crazy? You're too young to quit.' I was 36 or 37. So I took off almost a year, then started again. Out of 10 performances, seven were bad, two were so-so and one was good. I gave myself a year and a half and decided if it didn't get better I would stop."

A *Tosca* in Vienna was the turning point. "I thought, if you can do it today, why



Leonie Rysanek in San Francisco Opera's 1957 production of *Macbeth*.

not tomorrow? Of course, I didn't always do so well. It took me years to come back. It's more the mind (than voice). And I found my new husband and he made the miracles. He really is my second career."

In addition to the intensity with which Rysanek moves audiences, she is also famous for her pianissimo. Some say hers is the last true pianissimo in opera, because her soft singing is also filled with color and emotion.

"There are two things I miss (in young singers today). There is no legato (smooth singing) and no real pianissimo, floating, with expression. They all yell and shout. Everybody wants to have big voices. Piano must be expressed like a fortissimo, with all the power, but you take (the volume) back. The voice still has to have body and soul."

It is probably the depth with which Rysanek shares her soul that makes her such a favorite. "I was the fifth of six children and I was a difficult child. I had the feeling I had to fight for love, which was not true, in retrospect. But I thought I was not as beloved as my sister and brothers. Maybe that was also a reason to go on stage and conquer people and make them love me. I'm sure that was a lot of it," Rysanek said in a soft voice.

"I never thought about being a big star, or about the money. I cared about the love of the audience. And that I will miss, this love that comes back to me. This I will miss terribly, I'm sure." ▼

**Editor's Note:** Leonie Rysanek continues in the San Francisco Opera production of Tchaikovsky's *The Queen of Spades*, which runs through December 12 at the War Memorial Opera House. For tickets and information, call 864-3330.



## Theatre

### Femmes

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star Clarity, who has the largest tits in the world. It's a well-crafted piece, and Patton reads with terrific comic timing and a lot of heart.

Performance artist Lisi DeHaas does a powerful piece called *Visitation*. She portrays a small-town Southern woman, stripping off her clothing as she strips off the layers of social veneer. It's when she's standing naked before us that Ms. DeHaas shifts from naturalistic monologue to dance and poetry, and we get to look inside the

soul of this woman. The powerfully staged ending left me devastated. Ms. DeHaas is a polished performer, giving voice to a woman triply silenced by the cultures she lives in: Southern, bisexual, and femme.

#### Femme Sex, Femme Desire

The nouveau noir voice of lesbian femme sex workers continues to rise up out of our community. Their voice says proudly, and with a laugh, "I like people to desire me, and I get to call the shots on who gets to fulfill that desire." We're talking strong femmes here. *Death on Heels* brings

two of these women to the stage.

Nicola Grinzler, with her story, "Bitch," raises the questions: What is the eroticism behind making someone want you? What is the down-and-dirty sex of a hungry femme? Ms. Patton returns to the stage with another short story, "The Second Coming (Out)," which might be subtitled: "How a nice, Ivy League academic theorist tossed it all out the window and became a femme top dyke sex worker." Spicy and delightful!

Femmes are going to want to see *Death on Heels*; it's going to be a release. Butches will want to see this; it's going to be an education.

#### Celebration

*Podsnappery*, a monologue performed by Chloe Ohms, is the highlight of the evening. It's a real celebration of femme identity. Ms. Ohms is wickedly nonchalant in her delivery, belying the depth of her material. She talks with good humor and compassion about being a teenage punk dyke and wearing tights, miniskirts, and bright red lipstick to the women's center. She handily exposes myth after myth about high femme—such as how femmes are only discussed in terms of their butches.

She raises questions: Where is the power of the single femme? What values do femmes have beyond how good they look, how good they fuck? What is a femme who's attracted to other femmes? Through her storytelling, Ms. Ohms gives body, voice, and culture back to



*Death on Heels*, a "real celebration of femme identity."

femmes.

The damning of femmes is misogyny, she says, and Ms. Ohms admits to having to deal with her own internalized misogyny in her coming out as a femme. "Everything I'd rejected about straight women is now being put back on me," she says angrily, "because I've come out as a femme. Being femme is not the same as being a straight woman." Chloe Ohms is a writer/performer at the begin-

ning of what promises to be a long, successful career.

*Death on Heels* is back for two nights only after its sold-out October run. Their flier reads: "Everyone welcome. Femmes come as you are; butches come on your knees. Boys welcome, too, but in femme drag only." That sums it up nicely! ▼

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## Opera

### Rysanek, Atlantov Shine

in SFO's 'The Queen of Spades'

## High Drama

by Paul Thomason

In 1928 Dorothy Parker reviewed Benito Mussolini's novel *The Cardinal's Mistress* for a young magazine called *The New Yorker*. "Just when you think that things are beginning to break a little better," she wrote, "it turns out that Mussolini has been writing books about prelates' girlfriends.... Sometimes I think I'll give up trying, and just go completely Russian and sit on a stove and moan all day."

There were no stoves on the War Memorial Opera House stage last Friday evening but there was plenty of moaning. How could it be otherwise since the San Francisco Opera was giving Tchaikovsky's *The Queen of Spades*, a work which is thoroughly Russian and so has angst in, well, spades. One only has to watch and listen to tenor Vladimir Atlantov, as the tortured Gherman, at the end of the first scene vowing that the noble Lisa will be his, to suspect there is a minimum of happiness ahead for everyone involved. And when, moments later, Atlantov slings his black cape around himself in the best tradition of Byronic heroes and strides offstage in the driving rain as the curtain falls, there is no doubt that plenty of High Drama lies ahead.

The opera is based on Pushkin's short story "Pique Dame" (the opera itself is often performed as *Pique Dame* rather than *The Queen of Spades*). In it we learn that Gherman is in love with an unknown woman whom he can never marry since he's just a soldier. Prince Yeletsky, it turns out, has just become engaged to Lisa, Gherman's love. Lisa's grandmother, The Countess, knows the secret of winning at cards and, according to legend, will die when "one burning with passion" forces her to tell her secret, which Gherman does. Lisa throws herself in the river after Gherman leaves her for the gambling tables, where he promptly loses and shoots himself.

#### Not Top Drawer

Tchaikovsky knew how to write lush melodies, and even gripping scenes (Tatiana's "Letter Scene" in Eugene

*Onegin*, for instance) but *The Queen of Spades* is far from top-drawer Tchaikovsky, and, thus, is far down the operatic food chain.

Nevertheless, the mostly strong cast gave it their all. Atlantov's ringing, old-fashioned "can bello" tenor had no trouble filling the house whenever he wished it to, which was most of the time. It was thrilling to hear such a voice once again, and he conveyed Gherman's tortured soul brilliantly. As Lisa, soprano Maria Guleghina could match Atlantov decibel for decibel when necessary, as well as match him emotionally. But she could also scale back her rich dark voice and do some lovely soft singing.

Baritone Vladimir Redkin (making his SF Opera debut in this run) looked every inch the storybook Prince Yeletsky and he made the most of his second-act aria. But as Count Tomsy, Valery Alexiev seemed almost overwhelmed. In the large supporting cast, Yanyu Guo as Paulina and Marie Plette as Chloe were especially noteworthy.

However, for all the excellence on stage it was Leonie Rysanek's Countess that will live in memory, proud, tortured, strong-willed, embittered, complete with the famous Rysanek pianissimo in the Countess's second act song. These are the great soprano's farewell performances locally and no one who loves opera should miss seeing the master at work one last time. Only a fool would not be grateful for the opportunity to see Rysanek do any role she wants, but I couldn't help wishing Gherman had killed himself the first time he threatened to (Act I, scene I) so Rysanek could make her farewell in a meatier role, perhaps as Klytemnestra in Strauss's *Elektra*.

Robert O'Hearn's sumptuous sets were a treat as was John Copley's staging. Conductor Edo de Waart led a sweeping, colorful account of the score, blessedly keeping things moving. Both the chorus and orchestra were superb. ▼

**Editor's Note:** *The Queen of Spades* continues at the Opera House through December 12. For tickets and information, call 864-3330.

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## Profile

### Sendak

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decades: One, Pierre (rhymes with "I don't care"), was an eponymous salute to a novel by one of the author's idols, homosexual Herman Melville. The other, Rosie, was based on a jaunty ten-year-old Maurice had once seen playing from the window of his parent's Brooklyn home. She could "imagine herself into being anything she wanted to be."

This plucky girl, later featured in *Really Rosie*, a musical with songs by Carole King and lyrics by Sendak, was quite clearly a stand-in for Sendak. "A mere change of sex cannot disguise the essential Rosieness of my heroes," Maurice admitted lucidly in a fascinating chapter of Jonathan Cott's study, *Pipers At the Gates of Dawn: The Wisdom of Children's Literature* (McGraw Hill 1981).

In 1963, *Where the Wild Things Are* swept the nation. In terms of style the book was both new and ancient: It presented a memorable anti-hero and a radically subversive text on rebellion, but in the format of a fairy tale wherein a lost or abandoned child journeys to another place, a magic land, where he learns how to survive. Kids loved it.

Two other books completed Sendak's trilogy about magical voyages. The first, *In the Night Kitchen* (1970), paid homage to New York City at night, a place where

the Sunshine Bakers "bake while you sleep." Herein, the three bakers all look like Oliver Hardy. Heroic Mickey dives naked into milk (his visible tool would present a problem for library censors) and flies in a plane hand-made of batter (an interesting masturbation fantasy) like a pilot out of King Kong over an art deco skyline. Sendak called it a vendetta, "to say that I am now old enough to stay up at night and know what's happening in the night kitchen."

In 1981, Sendak published *Outside Over There*. His books continued to create controversy. But if *Night* was about overcoming childhood repression, *Outside* concerned regression — out of the window, backwards into the womb — and rebirth. It's as if Sendak, reading Alice Miller's *Drama of the Gifted Child*, had produced a work about narcissistic parents and a family so dysfunctional that a 9-year-old girl must take on the role of her mother in order to save her kidnapped baby sister. Maurice points to Ida, her sister and the goblins: "Look carefully, they're all female."

#### Contemporary Themes

This year, HarperCollins published Sendak's latest book, *We're All in the Dumps with Jack and Guy*, a pantomime ingeniously set to two old nursery rhymes.

The dumps of which he writes are literal: a Dickensian cardboard tent city beneath a modern metropolis; newspapers proclaim "AIDS Epidemic," unemployment



Brotherly love warms the cold, cruel world of Maurice Sendak's *Down in the Dumps with Jack and Guy*.

and global crises. Such overt political gestures suggest a new direction for Sendak. Yet another headline on the book's busy cover heralds a familiar refrain, "Leaner Times, Meaner Times: Children Triumph."

*We're All in the Dumps With Jack and Guy* is a virtual encampment of children, of every color, in various degrees of undress and disrepair — one red-headed punk sports a Wild Thing-like T-shirt. The youngest, a black child, repeats, "Help?" but his plea is rebuffed with "Beat it," by

tough kids Jack and Guy.

But the "poor little kid" gets kidnapped by two huge, horrible rats who carry him away to St. Paul's Bakery and Orphanage. Jack and Guy are mobilized into action by a huge-mouthed maternal Moon and aided by a Mozartean angel and an assortment of cherubim. On locating the child, Jack's impulse remains, "Let's knock him in the head," but Guy (a Max now grown mature) says "No." And lowering him from the protective Moon (like Christ released from the cross) they decide to "bring him up," the folk rhyme has it, "as other folks do." We leave the new family still living in the dumps, but the brave duo now has the bald-headed boy-child sleeping cradled in their laps.

Since Sendak declined numerous requests for an interview (he is notoriously private), *B.A.R.* readers can't know which of Sendak's relations, partners or experiences are evoked in these new heroes. But in his press materials he states, "By being absorbed in politics for the first time in a long time, by watching friends die of AIDS, by working for the Night Kitchen (Children's Theater), I've become a more social, political animal." Likewise, we can thank Sendak for the continued growth and development of his characters and, based on his design work over the past decade with the Houston Opera's production of *The Magic Flute* and on Janacek's *Clever Little Vix-*

en, welcome him both as a fellow opera queen and activist.

**The dumps of which he writes are literal: newspapers proclaim "AIDS Epidemic," unemployment and global crises.**

Like Maurice, and Max, and the "poor little kid," we all need uncles who have not forgotten how it feels to be us — young, or not so young, lost, defenseless, and in need of community. ▼

**Editor's Note:** If you want to include a Sendak gift for a loved one beneath your hanukkah bush, you might consider, for the younger youngster, tickets to a production of *Really Rosie*, playing at the New Conservatory Theatre throughout December (call 861-8972), and for the elder youngsters, a copy of Sendak's *We're All in the Dumps with Jack and Guy*, published by HarperCollins, \$20.00.

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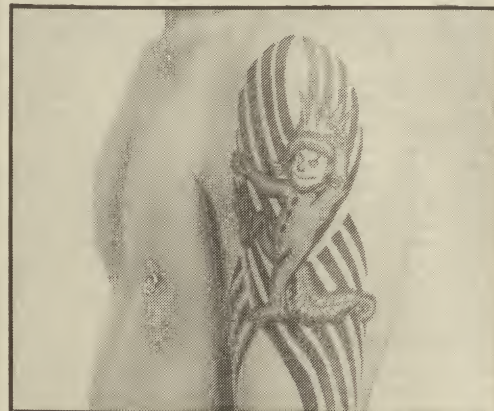
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## '70s Punk Band Makes Strong Comeback Oblivion Postponed

by John Blanco

**Buzzcocks**  
*Trade Test Transmissions*  
Caroline

Just in time for the punk/new-wave revival, the Buzzcocks are back with their first studio album since 1980. *Trade Test Transmissions* doesn't sound much different from vintage 'Cocks, which is a good thing. These Brits put out a slew of pure, seamless pop-punk tunes in the late '70s, which were considered, at least then, simply catchy. Now they seem timeless.

The pop earmarks of the best Buzzcocks' songs of yore, double-cafeinated rhythms, hum-along choruses, clever lyrics, are all here. There are no signs of atrophy in founding members Pete Shelley or Steve Diggle either: Shelley's Manchester-accented squall sounds as urgent as ever, and guitarist Diggle's playing is as frenetic as it was when he was a wee punk. (The pair are joined by new members Tony Barber and Phil Barker.)

The band's pop sensibility was one thing that always set it apart from its punk peers. Another thing that made the band distinctive was the queer eroticism of some of Shelley's songs. Shelley was something of a rock 'n' roll idol for a generation of gays that came of age after Bowie and before Morrissey. He wrote perhaps the finest homo-rock song of all time, "Ever Fallen in Love," which was also the band's biggest U.K. hit. If you've only heard the Fine Young Cannibals shitty cover of the tune from the *Something Wild* soundtrack, you owe it to yourself to check out the real thing.

Shelley doesn't offer many overtly queer reflections on the new album, but it's nice to see that the man who brought us "Orgasm Addict" some 15 years ago, still has a knack for stylishly smutty verse. He starts off "Innocent" with the one-liner, "I thought you were so innocent until I got my penis bent." On the safe-sex song, "Palm of Your Hand," he sings the praises of the Ann Landers-endorsed



The Buzzcocks, a little older, a little better.

form of sexual release ("You've got instruments of pleasure at the ends of your sleeves") but suggests that it's more fun when practiced with a pal.

For long-time 'Cocks fans, *Trade Test Transmissions* will no doubt trigger fond memories of their pogoing youth. But this is more than just an exercise in nostalgia, as Shelley seems to imply on the title track: "Turn your radio on/And I'll sing you a song/Let's get back to basics/I know just what you need." The Buzzcocks, it appears, intend to be a presence in pop's future. ▼

**Editors Note:** The Buzzcocks will appear Dec 2 at The Trocadero. Call 885-0750 for information.

## Laughing

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it comes off a bit too self-congratulatory.

Another comic, Steven Moore, has one of those unusual rubber faces that seems to swallow itself. His humor often derives from his HIV-positive status, and his morbid wit may take viewers by surprise.

In the program's silliest segment, local performers Pomo Afro Homos send up the Home Shopping Network. But as funny as they are hawking various items of gay interest to the viewing audience, it's drag diva Joan Jett Blakk's guest performance as the Pomos' "fierce" spokesmodel that steals the spotlight.

And stand-up Bob Smith comes off too stiff on camera. Listed as one of *Out There's* staff writers, as well as a member of New York's Funny Gay Males, Smith tells the show's most sanitized jokes, but gets the least laughs.

### Davis, Gomez Shine

The program's "rising star" is Mark Davis. Or at least he is supposed to be. Unfortunately, the cameras fail to convey the enormous impact he had on the live audience. Even DeLaria, who was standing in the rear of the Music Hall during his set, laughed uncontrollably at his jokes. Davis is wickedly funny — sharp, incisive, and a good mimic to boot. In one of his best bits, he delivers a searing imitation of Julia Child.

With lesbian folk singer Phranc, there is only one problem. Her set is too short. Phranc's "M-A-R-T-I-N-A," a virtual spelling bee-of-a-love song to tennis great Navratilova, is all you see in the show's final version. At the tapings she sang two other numbers, including a welcome re-interpretation of the old Herman's



Phranc.  
(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

Hermits' tune "Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter."

Not surprisingly, local star Marga Gomez is the show's outstanding performer. In fact, the live crowd's foot-stomping reception nearly tore the roof off the house at the second taping. What sets Gomez apart from the other comics is that she ventures outside the bounds of gay-specific humor in search of universal comedy. In a great bit that involves her companion, Gomez makes observations that have less to do with being a lesbian than with just being in a relationship — of any kind — straight or gay.

Of course, flaws and all, it is amazing that *Out There* was made in the first place. Comedy Central deserves enormous praise for giving the green light to this project. With advertiser support running strong for tomorrow's debut, executives at the cable network are already discussing a sequel in June to coincide with Stonewall's 25th Anniversary in New York. However, if *Out There* is any indication of lesbian and gay comedy-packaging to come, it may be wise to rethink the format's least successful aspects. ▼

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# Madonnababble

**I Dream of Madonna: Women's Dreams of the Goddess of Pop**, edited by Kay Turner; HarperCollins, \$15.00

by Jeffrey Kennedy

Academia has turned pop superstar Madonna into a cottage industry. Over the past year, at least a half-dozen anthologies of cultural discourses related to her have popped up. As a long-standing Madonna devotee, I resent how professional intellectuals have glommed onto her and snatched her out of the grasp

of the average fan. They make her seem too important and deep for us and, to a degree, belittle our very personal responses to her.

In contrast, feminist folklorist Kay Turner's *I Dream of Madonna* emphasizes the personal. A compilation of transcribed dreams women have had about Madonna, beautifully illustrated by collages assembled by Turner and David Kolwyck, this



Herb (Ritts) does Madonna.

book intimately testifies to the degree Madonna has infiltrated America's subconscious. This infiltration can annoy — as Lynn eloquently states, "Would someone tell her to get the fuck out of my dreams?" — and provokes disturbing suggestions related to the power of popular media. But like a diary, *I Dream of Madonna* eschews theory and provides the kind of naked human insight frequently discounted by brainiacs suspicious of the uneducated masses.

## Clever Chameleon

Madonna's tremendous appeal resides in her remarkable ability to mean different things to different people. She's a mutable, malleable figure. As indicated by the dreams recorded here, Madonna is many things to many people: to some she is a sex object; to others, a religious icon whose personal attention is considered a blessing. "I was just another common groupie trying to attract her angelic attentions," Mary Margaret writes. "How can I impress this woman so she'll pay attention to me?"

Madonna's most powerful incarnation is as mentor. She gives women encouragement to be and accept themselves and find strength in their own idiosyncracies. For Margie, Madonna solved a very serious crisis: "I felt like I had been baptized by love and sex, that Madonna had somehow cleansed me of past experiences with a violent ex-lover. In the dream I experienced great relief from letting go of these painful memories and I cried with joy from Madonna's gift." To women like Margie, Madonna is a concentrated dose of self-help therapy. Her appearance in a dream positively affects their waking hours.

The few teenagers included here have less complex emotional baggage and dream of Madonna as a lively pop star who likes to have a good time. She simply pops out of a poster in Jenna's dream (age 13) and starts dancing around. A different kind of good time is had by women who experience Madonna as a sex partner. Their erotic dreams add a physical dimension to Madonna's often exploitative

and rarely discussed relationship with gay and lesbian culture.

## Frozen Poultry

The most entertaining dreams touch on the absurd. In Janet's dream, Madonna and Sandra Bernhard work in a frozen chicken factory, a silly situation that becomes eerie when she reveals that several people were killed when a frozen chicken plant exploded soon after she had this dream. (The spared two-some must have been smoking cigarettes in the parking lot.) Shades of Angie Dickinson color Madonna's apparition as a policewoman to Carol. And in Renee's dream, the zaniest of them all, she and Madonna are riding a motor-

**The book provides the kind of naked human insight frequently discounted by brainiacs.**

cycle with no motor ("I guess you could call it a cycle") past a lake with baby sheep swimming around in it. They capture one of the sheep, then decide to let it go. I wonder what Freud would make of that one.

Colorful, accessible and alternately fascinating and disturbing, *I Dream of Madonna* is tarnished only by Turner's questionable editing. She includes two of her own dreams and is referred to in another. Most of the contributions fit into a narrow clique — late 20s, early 30s lesbians — consisting of, one presumes, Turner's circle of friends. I wish she had cast a wider net. And I wish she had saved her pedantic, overly long introduction for a more appropriate forum. By couching these meaningful dreams in an academic context, she erroneously suggests they would be meaningless without it. ▼

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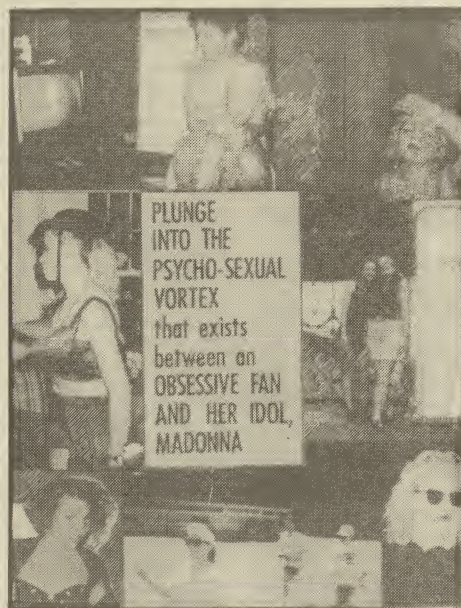
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## Guest Opinion



At Home with Joan Jett Blakk

## Ru, Wake Up, Girl

by Joan Jett Blakk

**A**h, that Ru Paul. She's been everywhere this year, has she not? I guess it was as unavoidable as left-over turkey after Thanksgiving that Ru would do a Christmas song. And she has. Now, before I go any further, I must tell you that I absolutely loathe Christmas music. I absolutely refuse to go anywhere near a department store this time of year for fear of hearing Nat King Cole singing about Chester's nuts roasting, or whatever. So it was with great trepidation that I approached this new recording.

Stupid song aside, Ru can really sing. But this is not a surprise. We knew this to be true. His first clever release, "Supermodel of the World" inspired the diva in everyone who heard it. With this song, Miss Ru is following in the footsteps of yet another gorgeous diva. Anyone remember what Grace Jones sang as she climbed out of a box on the Pee Wee Herman Christmas Special of years past? Yes, my children, it was "Little Drummer Boy." Watching Grace sing "Par-rum-pum-pum-pum (or whatever) was one of the funniest things I've ever seen on television.

But Ru, girl, I don't think you want us to laugh at this, do you? I mean it's got kind

of a gospel-like flavor, with a lot of good old soul music feel to it. I mean isn't this kind of serious stuff? But, above and beyond that, like I said before, I hate this song. All of these damn Christmas songs have been done to death, and no one, not even the faaaaaabulous Ru Paul can make them sound better. I'm more excited about whatever she'll come up with next.

Speaking of new things, I also gave a listen to Me'Shell Ndege Ocello, a New-York based singer/songwriter. The last part of her name is Swahili for "free like a bird." Her latest effort is called *Plantation Lullabies*, one of the first releases from Madonna's Maverick label. Clearly, Miss Thing's got it goin' on. This is a collection of smooth jazz, hip-hop type rap songs and dancey-like numbers sometimes overtly sexy in style. "Dred Loc" and "Two Lonely Hearts (on the Subway)" were stand-out cuts for me. I'll tell ya though, this girl sounds real butch, so maybe there's some more fun up Me'Shell's sleeve. Good work, Madonna, for pushing fresh talent like this.

### So Happy To Be Here

And speaking of fresh talent, I just want to say how thrilled I am to be here in San Francisco. There is so much talent and glamour and so many luscious boys and hot girls...well, you know, gush, gush. So if you happen to see me walking down the street smiling, that's why. The simple beauty of being here, in this town, in this time, well, I just can't take it for granted. But let me just say this, folks, if one more person comes up to me when it's, say, fifty degrees out and they're wearing mittens, a scarf and a knit hat, prepare to be slapped. It's not cold here, folks! Try campaigning for office in the street when it's twenty-nine degrees outside (which it was when I appeared in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade last year in Chicago).

Well, I'm off to a conference on what to do about these terrible religious right monsters who are invading my newly adopted city. So until next time, kiss, kiss. Love ya. ▼



Butch and bodacious: Me'Shell Ndege Ocello.

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## Sports

### Olympic Figure Skaters Shine at Ice Capades

## Dorothy's Adventures as Cinderella

By Rene M. Astudillo

After seeing a performance of the John Curry skating company some ten years ago, a New York dance critic wrote, "If dancing is how angels walk, then skating must surely be how angels dance." During the holiday weekend, Bay Area audiences were treated to angels dancing at the Oakland Coliseum with the West Coast premiere of *Cinderella ... Frozen In Time*.

As a fairy tale, *Cinderella* may be frozen in time, but thanks to Dorothy Hamill's Ice Capades, this favorite magical fantasy has come

alive through the medium of spectacular skating. It is a medium adored by many of us gay men simply because it combines elements of both athleticism and the performing arts. Hamill takes it a step further by transforming the skating rink into Broadway-like theatre, complete with elegant costumes, special effects and an original music score. To add to the production's special effects, the fluorescent plastic souvenirs held by the kids in the audience glowed as soon the house lights dimmed, creating the illusion of a starry-night sky.

Dorothy Hamill, the 1976 Olympic figure skating gold medalist and five time World



The Dorothy Hamill Ice Capades' *Cinderella ... Frozen in Time*, featuring our heroine in white.  
(Photo: Phyllis Christopher)

Professional Champion, played the role of Cinderella. Her 17 years of professional skating showed beautifully in the way she worked the ice with ease, comfort and confidence. Her stage presence is so distinct that no amount of

lighting effects could conceal the fact that another skater stood in as Cinderella for a couple of brief moments when Hamill needed to exit for a quick costume change. Former British Pairs Champion and Olympic competitor Andrew Naylor played opposite Hamill in the role of the Prince. A crowd favorite was J. Scott Driscoll who played the role of Buttons, the ever-cheerful and playful cellar boy who was Cinderella's only source for fun and amusement. True to the character he was playing, Driscoll teased and amused both Cinderella and the audience with his gliding, sliding, leaping and twirling.

#### The stepsisters

*Cinderella's* stepsisters were played by — hold your breath — two male skaters: Jerry Wheeler and Kirk Wyse. They were hilarious at best, portraying the well-known characters in a manner that was offbeat and out-of-sync with the rest of the cast. They provided the evening's only falling on the ice. Their humorous characterization, however, fell short of depicting the infamous stepsisters as the cruel and bitchy siblings of the sweet Cinderella. One can imagine how hard it was for the kids to hate the stepsisters, a feeling that came easily while reading the fairy tale book.

The production numbers were breathtaking and almost flawless as the elegantly dressed cast skated in a variety of formations. In some ways the variety was reminiscent of the marching bands in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The crowd roared in approval when the fairy godmother summoned a silver sleigh pulled by torch-bearing humans — a clear deviation from the more familiar giant pumpkin.

#### Did Jockey For Her impact the costumes?

The costume design by Tony Award-winner Desmond Heeley complemented every aspect of the produc-

tion. Heeley successfully met the challenge of addressing the intricacies of skating while creating the complicated illusions needed for a theatrical interpretation of one of the most-loved fairy tales. Heeley used color to convey different moods and sequences: black for sadness, brown and gray for peasantry, and silver, gold and red for pageantry. *Cinderella's* short peasant dress even enabled the natural flashing of her underwear, presumably a tribute to the show's sponsor, Jockey For Her. Unfortunately, the Prince's costume resembled that of a toy soldier and diminished, by a few points at least, the elegance of what should have been a wardrobe of palace royalty.

One production aspect that will probably outlast the experience from this spectacular show is the music. Composed by Michael Conway Baker, this original score was performed and recorded by the Sinfonia of London Orchestra. The music is lyrical and romantic, playful and inspiring. Listening to a recording of the score will certainly enable the listener to re-live the magical moments of *Cinderella...Frozen In Time*.

#### Further adventures of Dorothy

Hamill, not just the star of the show, owns the entire production, having purchased the rights to Ice Capades in June of 1993. With the purchase came her commitment to setting a new standard of excellence in ice entertainment. *Cinderella* is composed of two entire traveling casts, on both the East and West coasts. They will each be on the road for an entire seven months.

What's next after *Cinderella*? Hamill's company is mailing an audience survey to find out what other fairy tales or stories they would like to see produced by the Ice Capades. My guess is that *Sleeping Beauty* is next to come alive on the frozen arena, awakened by a kiss from Prince Charming on ice skates. ▼

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## Sports



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### Sierra Club

Mount Tam hike on Saturday, December 4. Starts at Muir Woods, and will go through the Van Wyck Meadows and other lovely places. This 4 mile hike has a 1750 elevation gain, so is recommended for hill lovers. Meet at the Church and Market Thrifty Store at 9:30 a.m.,

bring water, lunch, wind and rain gear, and money for the bridge toll. Rain cancels. Call 281-5666 for more information.

Golden Gate National Recreational Area scenic educational hike on Sunday December 5. Stops include Crissy Field, Fort Point, Maritime Museum, and the Museum of the City of San Francisco. Two great coffee stops are included, but bring lunch, liquids, and layers. Meet at the Church and Market Thrifty at 11 a.m., back by 6 p.m. Heavy rain cancels.

### Wheelchair Basketball Roll and Shoot Tournament

If you haven't tried shooting basketballs from a wheelchair, this is your opportunity. This is the annual Wheelchair basketball tournament where all types of people can enter and play against each other. This is a fundraiser for the Bay Area Meteorites, a top-notch women's wheelchair basketball team who need to raise money for their team expenses. The tournament will be held at Mills College in Oakland on December 5th. Call Ann or K.B. for more information at 510-654-6346.

### Bodybuilders Meeting

Men and women bodybuilders interested in competing in the New York Gay Games IV in 1994 will be meeting Saturday, December 4 at 4 p.m. People of all levels of experience are encouraged to attend. The meeting is sponsored by ABS and BICEPS, and people will strategize as to how best to prepare for GGIIV. For the meeting location, call 431-5691.

### SF Hiking Club

Explore Marin with the San Francisco Hiking Club. Try the Ridge, Lake Ranch, and Coast Trails Loop hike on Sunday: December 5. Meet at 9:30 am under the Big Safeway Sign at Market and Dolores. For information call Jim at 285-3760, evenings. This 11 miles round trip hike is considered moderately strenuous, with a 1,200 foot elevation gain. Auto-travel cost, \$11 per car, including bridge tolls, to be divided among the passengers. Bring water, lunch, and dress in layers. Rain cancels.

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### Hey, that's not a softball move!

Or is a group backup a common practice on some Gay Softball League teams? One of the GSL's newer teams, the 69ers, got caught in this position at a recent pre-season practice.

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Handsome GWM, 48ish in Vallejo. Me: 5'8", 140, full Wht hair, Bl eyes, masculine seeks Younger GWM. for LTR, both discreet. EXT 1639.

GWM, HIVneg, mature retired, sensuous, gd natured, attractive, baseball to opera seeks permanent relationship. EXT 1640.

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Attr, GAM, 28, 5'7", 140 seek GWM, 20-35, HIVneg for friendship, poss LTR. EXT 1670.

35yo GWM, big guy, 6'3", 310, Bl/Br looking for GM between 26-34, gd lking, good shape who loves John Goodman types. EXT 1671.

GWM, 32, 6', 175, clean shaven seeks friendships/relationship. Contra Costa Area. Warped sense of humor appreciated! EXT 1672.

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GWM, 37, 5'9", 145, Lt. Br/Bl seeks hunky, cuddly, hairy, bearded bear for affection and fun. Must be intelligent, masculine, nonsmoker and drug free. EXT 1674.

GWM 32, yng boyish lks and qualities, 5'10", 180, fun lving, rom btm. Sks masc top, 30-40, 6'plus for dates fun and poss relationship. Must be HIVneg and monogamous. Enjoy social and home life, cooking, travel, movies etc. Be fun and like to party occasionally. EXT 1676.

Attr GWM, 6'2", 160, late 40's clin cut, easy going sks you: Smooth, thin to skinny guy 25-35 for casual dates. Safe, sensual and fun. Call me. EXT 1677.

Are you the man intrigued by life and more? GWM, 40, Br/Bl, furry and big 3would lv to meat and possible LTR. Call if our life is intriguing. EXT 1678.

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Attr GBM, 49, well devlp, 6', 170 seeds well bit M over 45 for mutual massage, romance, travel and more. EXT 1738.

GWM, 40ish HIVneg, needs 7' cock sucked, ass massage, lite spank and be fucked, slow, also likes to suck and be FF. EXT 1739.

In shape WM, hung big wants well built WM to spread their big hairy bubble butt on his hungry tongue. EXT 1740.

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Nice uncut dick on a lean, trim, healthy, HIVneg 47yo GWM looking for a little attention. EXT 1742.

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Big butch bottom GWM, 6', 215, hairy, bear wrestler(soc/159), seeks strong aggressive big dickd top man. My size, 25 plus, any race. EXT 1745.

GWM, 41, GLM, 33, in shape. Looking for GAM or GLM in shape for 3 way sex only. EXT 1746.

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If you're a top, good looking, healthy, fit, HIVpos and appreciate Italians I'm 5'9", 153, br/gr and I'm ready. EXT 1643.

35yo, very well hung, attractive, versatile GWM seeks versatile group sex adventures. EXT 1646.

Well preserved HIVneg bottom, 38, 8' plus top for evening fun. No love. Just sex. EXT 1647.

BM/LM to tongue open and finger fuck tight smth boy hole of GWM, 40's, 160, 5'10"/daytime, Bi curious ok, explore scenes. EXT 1648.

Very hung top sought by playful cute, blue eyed, HIVneg btm, 30's, 5'10", Med build, sexy. Any race welcome. Discreet. EXT 1649.

Do you like to stroke your big throbber? Show it off to a horny voyeur? Kick back, smoke, aroma, grease, porn? Volume, distance, repeat shooter? Big head, big balls, extra long, extra thick? Stroke it for your buddy. EXT 1653.

Prime Italian male seeks Asian, Phillipino for relationship/romance/ travel companion. San Jose - Bay Area. Be sincere, open minded. EXT 1654.

Attr slim GWM, 30, 6', 9 1/2" seeking versatile WM, 25-35 into ass play, toys, pumps viewing/making videos, three ways ok. EXT 1655

Kid, 46yo, wants to slowly jack off daddy and be jacked off while fantasy talking about huge daddy/boy cock. Can reverse roles. Lean muscles, 150, 5'9". EXT 1656.

Lking for vers top sex partners into, check any of the following: B/D, TT, Greek, 3ways, bare feet, rough play, etc.? Daytime ok. EXT 1657.



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# THIS WEEK

## FRIDAY 3

**Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing**  
Author of *In the Realm of the Diamond Queen* discusses Indonesian culture, gender, power, and the politics of identity. Free. 7:30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

**Annual Artists' Store**  
Unique, one-of-a-kind and just plain weird crafts and gifts for sale by local multimedia artists. Opening night performances by Black Swans, Nao Bustamante, plus an artist-made photo booth. 6:30pm. Sale runs thru 12/18. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St at 9th. 626-5416.

**Bewitched, The Play**  
New theatrical version of the old TV show. Proceeds go to the HIV Touring Project. \$15. 8pm. Thru 1/1. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

**Circle of Joy**  
Annual holiday wreath showing and auction coincide with the Hayes Valley Block Party. Check out the creative wreaths in store windows along the 300-500 block of Hayes Street, then bid on your favorite. Proceeds go to the AIDS Emergency Fund. 7-10pm. Info: 255-9307.

**Criminal Hearts**  
Live Animals Theatre Group's production of Jane Martin's riotous comedy about two very different women; an agoraphobic divorcee and a thief who's come to "clean her out." \$10. 8pm. Thru 12/19. Shotwell Studios, 3252A 19th St. 292-7793.

**Excavations of the Spirit**  
Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers in an evening of mostly solos. \$8-10. 8:30pm. Thru 12/4. Dancers' Group, Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St. 824-5044.



Arthur Tress photos at Every 6 Weeks (SUN.)

**Homo Promo**  
25 years of Hollywood trailers of gay and lesbian exploitative and campy flicks. \$6. 8pm. Castro Theatre, Castro at Market. 621-6120.

**Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris**  
Musical cabaret show with English lyrics. \$5. 8pm. Thru 12/19. Theater of the Blue Rose, 2525 8th St., Berkeley. (510) 540-5037.

**Jeffrey**  
Obie Award-winning play about a man who gives up sex, only to meet the man of his dreams, who's HIV positive. \$22-30. 8pm (Tue, Wed., Thu.), 9:30 (Fri. & Sat.). Thru 1/2. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St., floor 2M. 433-9500.

**Kiki & Herb**  
Roasting on an Open Fire Campy holiday lounge act gets the Xmas spirit(s). \$7. 11pm. Thru Dec. Eichelberger's, 2742 17th. 863-4177.

**Robin Tyler**  
Pioneer dyke comic performs. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.



Philip Trager: Dancers...

**Jumping the Broom**  
Restaged version of the romantic comedy revue about gay and lesbian weddings. \$12-18. 8pm (Sat. 5pm, Sun. 3pm). Thru 12/11. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. at Mission. 861-5079.

**Lezzie Holiday Show**  
Scroog-ette in the 'Lesbian Christmas Carol,' plus sing along and other amusing short acts. \$5-15. 8pm. Thru 12/18. Five Corners Theatre, Petaluma. (707) 545-9806.

**Out There**  
Comedy Central's first all-lesbian & gay comedy special, with Lea DeLaria, Marga Gomez, Mark Davis, Suzanne Westenhoefer, Pomo Afro Homos, & Phranc. 10pm. Also airing 12/4 at 1am, 12/5 at 11pm, and 1/1 at 12am. Channel 39.

## SATURDAY 4

**Gay Comedy Night**  
Tom Ammiano, Scott Silverman, Liz Jensen. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

**Hallucination Generation**  
LSD's 50th birthday is honored with trippy flicks; Kenneth Anger's *Inauguration of the Pleasure Dome*, plus shorts on Elvis, Grateful Dead, hemp, and fractal animation. \$5. 8:30pm. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia. 824-3890.

**Hothead Paisan**  
Diane DiMassa and Tracy Sheehan present selections from the popular dyke cartoon series. 3pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891. Also at 8pm, with Philip Horvitz, Nancy Boutilier, Kris Kovick & others. \$5. Red Dora's Bearded Lady, 485 14th.

**Inside/Out**  
Gay & lesbian talk show. Noon. Cable Channel 47.

**Lesbian Comedy Night**  
Karen Ripley, Suzy Berger, MC Lisa Geduldig. \$8. 9pm. Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 431-7363.

**Patty Waters**  
Legendary experimental jazz singer makes an appearance at Medium Rare Records, 2130 Market at 6:30pm, then at Eichelberger's, 2742 17th., for a dinner reception. 255-7273.

**Portraits of a March: DC '93**  
Photos of the March on Washington by Bob Corti. Opening reception 4-6pm. Thru December. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

**Marty Pottenger**  
engaging, funny dyke construction worker & performance artist builds a house while sharing stories. \$10. 8pm. Life on the Water, 3435 Army. 824-9394.

**Reindeer Round-Up**  
Diablo Dancers lesbian and gay square dance. \$6. 7:30-10:30pm. Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church, Concord. 861-1979. Free shuttle rides from Bart. Call (510) 724-7365.

**Street Zen**  
Tensho David Schneider discusses his biography of Issan Dorsey, a gay ex-Navy man turned drag star and street prostitute, who later became a Zen master before dying of AIDS. 1pm. Kinokuniya Bookstore, Japan Center, Post & Webster. 567-7625.

**Tatiana & Company**  
Benefit for Project Open Hand Food Bank, featuring notorious gender illusionists. 10pm. Kimo's, Polk at Pine.

**Tenderloin Women Writers**  
Contributors to Living Room read poetry and fiction. Free. 7:30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

**A Tuna Christmas**  
The celebrated nutty characters from *Greater Tuna* (Texas' third smallest town) try to survive Christmas. \$25-34. 8pm. Matinees at 2pm. Sun. at 7:30pm. Thru 12/11. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter at Mason. 771-6900.

**The Well of Horniness**  
Holly Hughes' raunchy ridiculous lesbodrama, a wicked parody of dime store '50s female imagery, repressed housewives and femme fatales. A must-see. \$12. 8:30pm. Thru 12/5. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

## Baby Love

Had your children stolen from you by a court lately? It could happen. It did happen to Sharon Bottoms and April Wade in Virginia. Come to Josie's for a benefit for the family with Suzy Berger, Breck Vanden Berghe, Karla Carmony, Maureen Brownsey, and *Family Values* author Phyllis Burke. NOW's Lesbian Task Force and WAC co-produced this event. \$10-15. Dec. 7, 8pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933. Save our children!



From sailor to drag queen to Zen master (above). Street Zen (SAT.)



## Lick and a Promise

Get luv-sexy in *Death of Heels, Femme Dykes of the 90's*, a hot evening of corsetted performance and (below) push-up bra dance and thigh-high spoke word. Included in the salacious retinue are Chlo Ohms, Jessica Patten, Nicola Grinzler, April Miller, Rebecca Hensler and more. Femmes come as you are. Butches come on your knees. Boys come as femme drag. don't come at a Dec. 3 & 4, 8pm. 848 Communism Space, 84 Divisadero. McAllister. \$10. 255-821

**Licks** Tune in your radio dials, music fans, for *The Next Big Thing*, when Rob Petrie hosts a *Queers in Music* special, with chat guests Adrian Roberts, Downtown Donna, & Mark Kleim. Hear tunes by Pansy Division, Tribe 8, Gravity, Malibu Barbi, Hunter Sunda Fag Bash and more. Monday, Dec. 6, at 6pm. KALX 90.7FM. Hey, it's free.



## SUNDAY 5

**Absolution**  
Benefit cocktail party for the documentary about the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Clips will be shown, plus entertainment by the cast of *Christmas With the Crawfords*. \$25. 4-7pm. 3220 Gallery, 3220 Sacramento at Presidio. 552-0220.

**Arthur Tress**  
Dreamlike, sexy photo tableaux exhibit. Curated by Richard Titus. 1-6pm. Thru 1/5. Every 6 Weeks, 323 Nee at Market. 626-3343.

**Artists' Images of AIDS**  
Exhibit of images by artists living with AIDS, as well as works about AIDS. Thru 12/17. College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery, Kentfield. 485-9494.

**Box Conspiracy**  
George Coates' latest multimedia theatre work invokes a Nielsen family and the insidious interactive tube technology that takes over their lives. \$14-34. 8pm. Thru 12/31. George Coates Performance Works, 110 McAllister. 863-4130.

**Connie Champagne**  
Mambo Italiano! Connie sings pop songs Italiano as Cordiva Luna! \$5. 10pm. Eichelberger's, 2742 17th at Florida. 863-4177.

**G40plus Club**  
Jamison Green speaks on "male to female sexualism" at a meeting of the group for older gay men. 2-4pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary. 552-1997.

**Party Talk**  
Gay TV. 11pm. Cable Channel 47.

**Small Works for the Holidays**  
Exhibit of lots of small paintings by gallery favorites Paul Cadmus, Dean Larson, Randall Lake, Jason Gaillard, and many others. Thru 1/8. Bring donations for the Food Bank. John Pence Gallery, 750 Post St. 441-1138.

**Veronica Klaus**  
Local fave vocalist brings her Heart and Soul Revue to the stage. \$5. 9pm. The Elbo Room, Valencia at 17th. 552-7788.

**Xmas in Mexico**  
Afternoon of salsa music, barbecue food, margaritas and beer. \$20. Proceeds go to the AIDS/HIV Life Center. Noon-6pm. Aquí Restaurant, 429 Gough at Ivy. Also, 10 percent of sales at nearby Polanco Gallery (242 Gough) will also benefit the Center. 928-1498.

## MONDAY 6

**A Christmas Memory**  
Robert Coffman reads the Truman Capote short story. \$8. 8pm. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

**Gay Comedy Open Mike**  
MC Hank Donat. Aspiring comics can call to sign up by 7pm. \$5. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

**Harold and Maude**  
Bud Cort and Ruth Gordon's endearing cult film about life and death. \$5.50. 7:30, 9:25. Also Tues. Red Vic Movie House 1727 Haight. 668-3994.

**Swaddling Couture**  
Holiday hootenanny with Justin Bond, Elvis Herselvis & the "dyke-abilly" Bucktooth Varmints. \$2. 9:30pm. Mondays thru Dec. Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market at Sanchez. 861-5016.

## TUESDAY 7

**Distant Voices**  
Collection of shorts and excerpts that were favorites of PFA colleagues who've died. Included is a musical number from the restored *A Star Is Born*. 7:30pm. Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant, Berkeley. (510) 642-0365.

**Visual Aid Benefit**  
Art exhibit of the late Michael Paulson's woodblock print series, "Villa Gardens." Thru 12/5. Opt Art Gallery, 250 4th St. 546-7844.

## WEDNESDAY 8

**A Caryatid**  
Donna Leigh Schumaker's installation that questions assumptions about the female body through an architectural environment. Thru 12/18. The Lab Gallery, 1807 Divisadero. 346-4063.

**A Few of My Favorite Things**  
Gender twisted photos by James A. Patterson. Thru 12/19. Eichelberger's, 2742 17th at Florida. 863-4177.

**Giants Have Us in Their Books**  
World premiere of acclaimed playwright Jose Rivera's play of six adult fables. \$12-21. 8:30pm. Sun. at 2 & 7:30pm. Thru 12/5. Magic Theatre, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. D. 441-8822.

**Homenaje a la Guadalupe**  
Exhibit of art dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe. Thru 12/31. Polanco Gallery, 242 Gough St. 252-5753.



at Vision Gallery (THU.)

**J.B. Higgins**  
Erotic male nude photos in color and black and white. Thru 12/14. The Edge, 4149 18th St. 863-4027.

**Karen Carpenter Christmas**  
Bulimic Yuletide fest of holiday songs and Karen tunes, performed by Big Bang Beat, with special guests David Cassidy and Barbra Streisand. \$12. 8:30pm. Thru 12/30. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia near 22nd. 641-0235.

**Nonsense II: The Second Coming**  
Sequel to the silly nun show, also shown in rep with the original *Nonsense*. \$14-18. 8pm. Mats. at 2pm (Sat. & Sun.).



Phallic Altars (WED.)

3pm (Sun.). Thru 1/2. Willows Theatre, 1975 Diamond Blvd., Willows Shopping Center, Concord. (510) 671-3388.

**Phallic Altars**  
Dan Willis' exhibit of erotic Catholic art collages. Thru 1/6. Eros Center for Safe Sex, 2051 Market. 864-3767.

**Fairy Tales**  
Exhibit of William Wegman's *Fairy Tales*, with dogs dressed as damsels. Also, anonymous photo collages, probably a woman artist, from the 19th century. Thru 12/30. Fraenkel Gallery, 49 Geary. 981-2661.

## THURSDAY 9

**Christmas With the Crawfords**  
Mommie Dearest lets Christina and Christopher out of their rooms for a plastic smiles holiday special. A wacky drag live recreation of the smarmy publicity stunt, with Ann Droygnous (Paul Anelli) Mark Sargent and others as Hedda Hopper, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Marlene, Judy, Mae West and Hattie McDaniel. \$10-15. 8pm. Sun. at 7pm. Thru 1/2. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller. 626-5455.

**Diamanda Galas**  
The operatic *Plague Mass* diva performs "Insane Asylum," a blues and gospel solo work, in a benefit for Rob Nilsson's film, *Chalk*, with reception and film showing too. \$15. Reception 8pm. Show 9pm. Slim's, 333 1st St. 255-0333.

**The Dick Show**  
Dance, music and performance about peenies with Keith Hennessy, Trebor, Nao Bustamante, Mark Growden & others. \$8-15. 8pm. 848 Divisadero. 885-2003.

**Local 7**  
Showcase of dance & new performance by Chris Black, Pam Falvo, Tina Mantel, Lizz Roman & others. \$7. 8:30pm. Thru 12/11. Dancers' Group Footwork, 3221 22nd St. at Mission. 824-5044.

**Makostyle**  
Gay TV show. 10:30pm. Cable Channel 47.

**Native Land & Underground**  
Two dissenting film views of America, the first a black-listed 1940 documentary (co-filmed by Paul Strand) about labor corruption and civil rights violations, and *Underground*, the 1976 film about the Weather Underground political bomb radicals. \$7. 7:30 & 9:10. Pacific Film Archive, UC Berkeley, 2625 Durant. (510) 642-1412.

**Phantom of the Opera**  
Andrew Lloyd Webber's amazing musical about the scar-faced guy who lives in a sewer. \$25-65. 8pm. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary. 776-1999.

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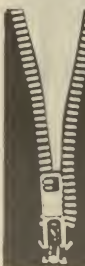
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The first Tough Customer Party is tonight at Greg's Ball Room (551 W. Julian) in San Jose beginning at 2000. It'll be a \$5 beer/soda bust with homemade chili, raffle tickets and a video preview of the SF Eagle 1994 Bare Chest Calendar. This event will be hosted by South Bay leather title holders. A qualified photographer will be on hand to "shoot" almost all comers, so if you live in the area, drop in, if only to see some of the daring ones. Call (408) 286-4388 for details.

The second Tough Customer Party is at the Jackhammer Bar in San Francisco next Thursday, Dec. 9, beginning at 2000 also. No details were furnished at my deadline, but knowing the Jackhammer, it's sure to be a good event.

These are the last two TC parties of 1993, so when the next issues of both magazines come out in 1994, chances are your experiences in the coming year could be hotter than you expected. Don't miss out. He who hesitates is left out — in the cold!

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Parking availability around here is at an all-time low (now that the Costco store has opened on our turf), now that the parking lot across from the Eagle is being sued (if certain leather



Mr. Bear New York, Bill Wahler (l.) visited San Francisco last weekend and met Intl. Mr. Drummer Graylin Thornton in the patio of the Eagle. Bill will compete in the International Mr. Bear Contest here in February. But where were all the SF leather title holders?

(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

people have their way). I hope a lot of you saw the 49ers slaughter the no-talent, no-hope, no-class LA Rams, 35 to 10 last Sunday! Go Niners! Are we headed for another Super Bowl (in Phoenix) in 1994?

Mr. Bear New York, Bill Wahler, blew into town over the weekend and was last seen traipsing out the door of the Eagle Sunday evening to have dinner with Mr. Drummer Graylin Thornton and Mr. San Jose Leather, Jeffrey

Tucker. Isn't it weird that these out of town personalities can't be welcomed and/or entertained by one of the dozen or so San Francisco leather title holders? Tsk, Tsk. Do San Jose leather people have to do all the work?

Dyke Daddy Jo LeRoux is beaming with pride: On her first attempt at fundraising, she managed, with a little help from her friends, to raise some \$1500 at her "The Goose Is Loose" party at the

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1993-94 Officers of the Golden Gate Guards MC: (l to r): Jack Goodall (VP), Michael Farmer (Recording Sec'y), Dale Suess re-elected President, Perrin Jones (Corresponding Sec'y.), James Herring (Road Captain) and Bob Roder (Treasurer), presented at their 7th Anniversary on Nov. 20.

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## Sports



### Softball action

Despite the rainy season, softball practice starts again.

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### Update:

### Ready to Auction?

#### Team SF Membership Meeting

Mark Saturday, December 4, on your calendar for the next Team San Francisco general membership meeting to be held at 3 p.m., Eureka Valley Community Center, 100 Collingwood Street. This is an important meeting because a new TSF Board will be elected. Also learn the latest on Gay Games IV registration, travel, housing, and future fundraising plans to help build the Athlete's Fund. For further information call 824-8118.

Even though TSF says they have a good start on collecting items for this event, TSF needs your help for the Saturday, December 11 auction, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Eureka Valley Center, 100 Collingwood Street. The auction is one of the largest fundraising events of the season to help build the TSF Athletes' Fund. "We all have a variety of talents. Don't sell yourself short," said the TSF newsletter, "For example, maybe you're not only a great swimmer, but you can also toss a mean meal in your wok. Why not donate a wokked meal for four?"

Highlights of their item donation list so far: A \$500 Gift Certificate from Winship

Travel, a signed copy of Randy Shilts book *Conduct Unbecoming*, a Gay Games II flag, massages, home-cooked dinners for four and more. Volunteers are needed the day of the event. Call Susan at 648-4931 or Rod at 621-2213.

### Team San Francisco Uniforms are Ready and Waiting

Team San Francisco's GGIV Uniform samples are ready. The TSF's Opening & Closing Ceremony uniforms for the June 18-24 New York Gay Games IV are available to try on at Fleet Feet, 2308 Market (near Noe) and High Gear at 18th & Castro. ▼

## Sports Guide

### Basketball

San Francisco Slammers women's basketball team. Call Susan at 648-4931.

Men's Basketball — call Tony at 621-2710.

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## Sweet Lips

## Tatiana's Xmas Special

Don't forget folks that Tatiana and Company will do their Christmas Show on Saturday Dec. 4 at 10 p.m. at Kimo's Showroom. It's an important fundraiser so be there — and wasn't that a great Christmas flyer?

If my birthday party wasn't enough for you, Empress Mabel, of the Swallow, will hold a big birthday bash on Friday, Dec. 3 and Mike Dooley promises a lot of surprises. Of course, Dennis Tyler will do a trip on the food. You don't want to miss it.

For all you dice lovers, Dice Nite 5,000 will be played every Monday from 8 p.m. till 11 p.m. with Sissy as your hostess and bartender at Kimo's.

My good friend, Steve Suss,

owner of the Embers/Avenue in Portland has been here all week and has definitely put a dent in the Sapphire Gin bottles. He and I are leaving for Portland on Dec. 3 so that I can rest after my fabulous birthday party.

Uncle Bert's Bar on 18th St. is a pleasant place for a cocktail, especially when Marlow is on the plank. The other bartenders are just as congenial. They'll go out of their way to make you feel welcome.

Yes, Stern is still on the plank at the Giraffe and if you have not been to the new Annex dance bar you're missing a lot of fun.

Kim "Bette" Bonko is back on Polk Street as General Manager of the Rendezvous and Reflections. Nice to see

you back Bette, stirring up Polk Street once again.

I wish to thank Flame for the flowers and decorations, and Dennis Tyler for the fabulous canapes, at my birthday party in Kimo's Penthouse. It was a blast and I thank you all for being there.

The Celebrity Stocking Auction is on Friday the 10th starting at 7 p.m. at Lily's on Valencia and Market. It's a benefit for the Godfather Fund. Danny Williams and Deena Jones are part of the entertainment and there are fabulous things to be auctioned off. I, for one, will not miss it.

Belated birthday greetings to Don Cavallo. Is it possible that he has crowded so much into only 60 years? ▼



## Sports

### Sports Guide

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#### Bicycling

Different Spokes Bicycle Club — Sundays: Decide-n-Ride. Open to all, 10 a.m., McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park. Every Tuesday — strenuous training ride, McLaren Lodge, 5:30 p.m. Call Derek at (510) 339-2345.

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Barbary Coast Boating Club — gay boat owners and enthusiasts meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m., Berkeley Yacht Club, Berkeley Marina. West to the end of University Ave., #1 Seawall Drive. (415) 905-6267.

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Women's Business Bowling League. Call Ann at 641-5795.

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Bay Area Boxing Club, a fully sanctioned USABF (United States Amateur Boxing Federation) meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. Open to all interested gay men and lesbians; all skill levels are welcome. Call Greg at 585-2365.

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Women's Flag Football: Interested women call Maureen (415) 479-1131.

San Francisco Trojans Football. Two games every Saturday, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., at Silver Terrace near Silver and Bayshore, SF. All skill

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South Bay GLS — call the Loma Prieta GLS hotline at 408-236-2170.

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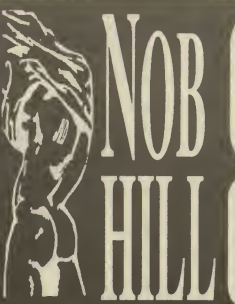
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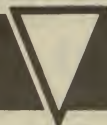
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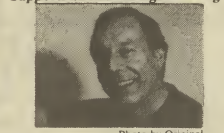


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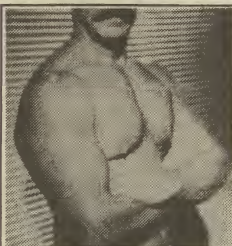
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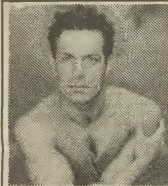
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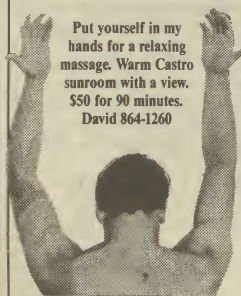
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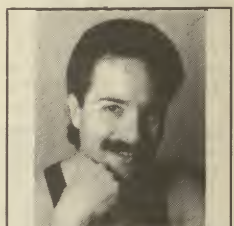
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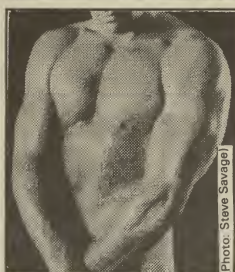
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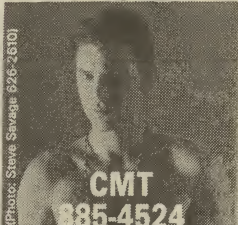
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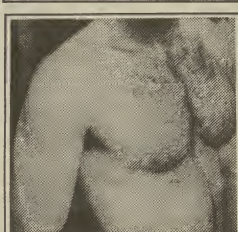


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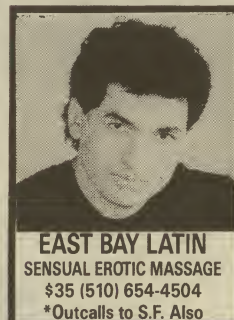
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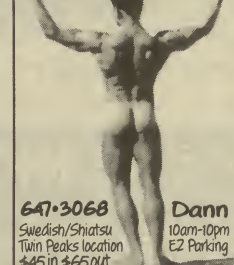


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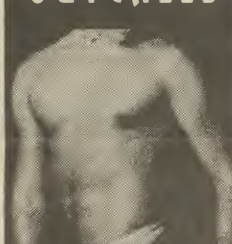


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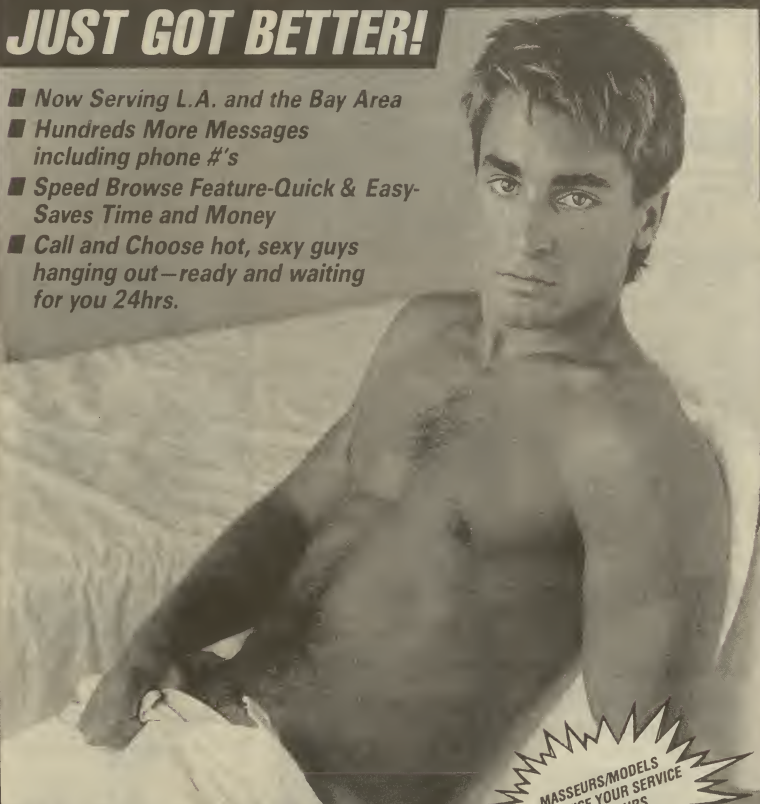
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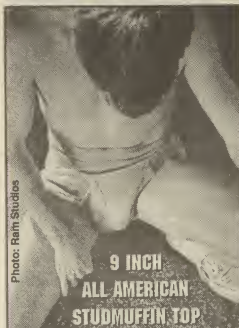
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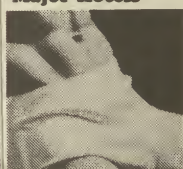
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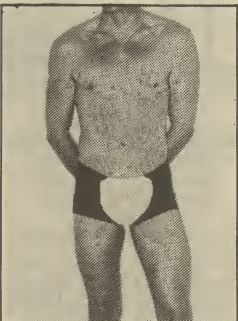
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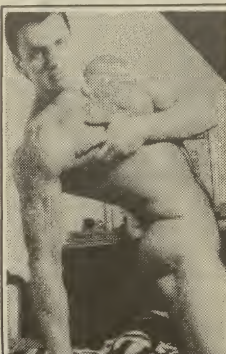
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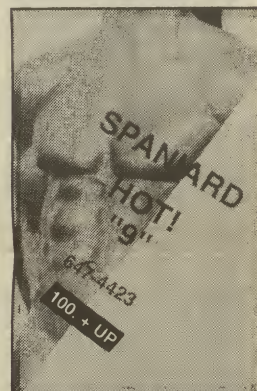
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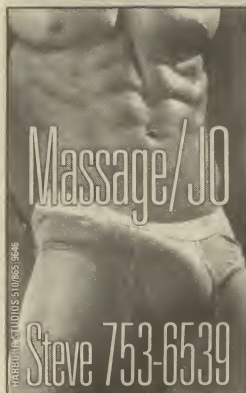
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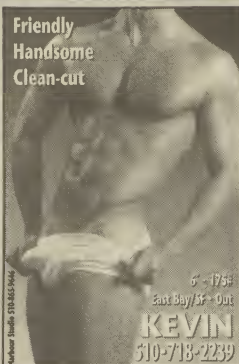
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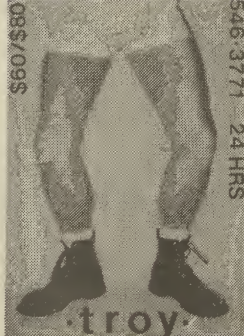


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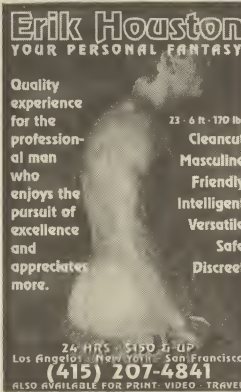
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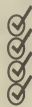


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